

Four Baptist Colleges Will Hold Commencement Exercises Soon

Graduation time has again arrived, and Mississippi Baptist colleges will hold commencement exercises during the next week or two. Clarke's graduating class is being honored today, May 10. William Carey graduates will be in the spotlight May 19 and 20. And both Blue Mountain College and Mississippi College graduation exercises are scheduled for May 20.

Clarke College

The 1973 graduates of Clarke College will receive diplomas on May 10, in the sanctuary of First Church, Newton, according to Dr. W. L. Compere, president of the college. The commencement service will be held at 10 a.m., followed by a luncheon honoring the graduates and their families. Graduation exercises are scheduled for 3:00 p.m.

Delivering the commencement sermon will be Dr. David R. Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, and president of The Mississippi Baptist Convention. A native of Plantersville, Dr. Grant received his education at Mississippi College and Southern Seminary, earning the Doctor of Theology degree from the latter. He is to receive an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Mississippi College on May 20.

Addressing the graduates at the afternoon exercises will be Gene A. Triggs, executive assistant to the president of Mississippi Chemical Corporation, Yazoo City. An alumnus of Clarke College, Mr. Triggs serves his alma mater as a member of the Clarke College Development Council. Holding the Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi State, Mr. Triggs has served as Director of the Mississippi A&I Board and Secretary of the Mississippi Marketing Council. He was Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture for the State

of Mississippi for five years. Active in the religious life of his community, he is Secretary of Agricultural Missions Foundation, Ltd.; a member of The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; and Secretary - Treasurer of the ALL-INDIA Prayer Fellowship.

William Carey College

Three outstanding men will be involved in commencement activities at William Carey College in connection with the largest graduating class in history on May 19. Two will be featured speakers and two will be receiving honorary doctorates by action of the William Carey College Board of Trustees.

Dr. Robert Lindsey, veteran Southern Baptist missionary to Israel, whose two sons and daughter - in - law will be among the 305 graduates, will deliver the baccalaureate address. Dr. Lindsey, an internationally known figure who is an authority on Hebrew culture and language and a noted author, will be in the United States on leave from his duties as senior Southern Baptist representative in Israel. Dr. Lindsey holds the bachelor degree from the University of Oklahoma and both the masters and doctoral degrees from Southern Seminary. He and Mrs. Lindsey have six children, one of whom has returned to Israel as a missionary nurse with her husband and another daughter who will soon be appointed with her husband as a missionary to Vietnam.

Delivering the commencement address on May 26 is Wallace R. Bunn, Vice President for Operations of South Central Bell Telephone Company from Birmingham, Alabama. An outstanding civic leader as well as business man, he is

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Cooperative Receipts Continue Climb

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for the first four months of this year, through April, totaled \$1,757,522, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This is a gain of \$246,761 or 16.3 per cent over the \$1,510,761 given the same period of 1972, Dr. Hudgins added.

Receipts for April totaled \$338,586, a gain of \$45,764 or 15.6 per cent over the \$292,822 given in April of last year.

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\$1½ Million Over Offering Goal

\$19.6 Million Given To Lottie Moon

RICHMOND (BP) — The 1972 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions topped its \$18 million goal by more than \$1½ million when the books on the offering closed April 30, according to Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board officials here.

Total 1972 funds were \$19,664,972. Receipts were \$1,831,162, or 10.27 per cent, higher than the 1971 offering.

The Lottie Moon Offering is sponsored annually by the Woman's Missionary Union in Southern Baptist churches across the nation in connection with the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Monies received after April 30 are included in the following year's offering.

Southern Baptist foreign missions efforts are supported financially by two major means of contributions, with slightly more than half the support coming from the Lottie Moon special offering, and the other half coming from gifts through the denomination's Cooperative Program unified budget plan.

All but three state conventions recorded increases in their Lottie Moon offering totals for 1972 over the previous years.

Several state conventions reported dramatic increases. The State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, for example, recorded a dramatic increase of 123 per cent. A new convention,

Pennsylvania and South Jersey, recorded, a 44 per cent increase.

More than 70 per cent of the total 1972 offering came from eight Baptist state conventions, with Texas Baptists contributing nearly \$4 million. North Carolina Baptists gave over \$2 million. More than \$1 million was given in six states — South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida and Mississippi.

The board's executive secretary, Baker J. Cauthen, commenting on the record offering said, "The Foreign Mission Board and missionaries all over the world wish to express to Southern Baptists, and Woman's Missionary Union in particular, deep

gratitude for the Lottie Moon offering which has reached such a glorious climax.

"In projecting mission work throughout the world," Cauthen continued, "planning depends primarily on gifts through the Cooperative Program. The Lottie Moon Offering makes possible going twice as far in meeting world need."

Cauthen also indicated that allocations of the increase in the mission offering would be made on a priority basis within the next few weeks. He pointed out that needs awaiting funds still outstripped available resources.

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America's Home Life Needs Re-furbishing

By Art Linkletter

My father, you know, was a Baptist minister — the kind who was interesting. He was an old-fashioned marvelous minister who scared people into heaven! After he described the sins and the flame of hell the average person was relieved to accept Christ and find some escape from the terrible things that were going to happen to them. Many times after we had been in a town some little lady would come up to him and say, "Reverend Linkletter, we didn't know what sin was until you came to our town!"

I was born in a little town called Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada. I was an orphan, and this nice middle-aged couple (the Linkletters) came through town a few months after I was born and adopted me. I spent my youth growing up as a preacher's son. During the depression I found one of the great advantages of being a member of a minister's family, because our family didn't notice the depression — except that other people were beginning to live the way we'd lived all our lives.

I have spent most of my life walking on the sunny side of the street; having fun, raising a family of five beautiful, wonderful, lovely children, traveling all over the

world, with everything I touch turning to fame and fortune. And so, as you must appreciate, two years ago when death struck our family with the tragedy of our youngest daughter, I and my family were completely unprepared. We had never been really close to a serious and tragic loss — and when our 20-year-old girl lost her life because of this mindless experimentation with drugs which has afflicted our country, it was an insufferable, agonizing, unbelievable, impossible-to-understand loss. At that time we had to make up our minds, as a family, whether we would do what Hollywood stars have been trained to do — and that is to suppress, hide, push under

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Mother And Son: Together In Prayer

A mother and her son joined in prayer — a symbol of that day set aside each year to honor our mothers. — (RNS Photo by Lee Langum)

Nixon Sends Parochial Aid Plan To Congress

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Richard Nixon, in a 175 - page tax reform proposal, asked Congress to approve a plan for income tax credit for parents paying tuition for their children in parochial and other non-profit elementary and secondary schools.

The administration's tax reform proposal came at the conclusion of a long series of hearings before the House Committee on Ways and Means of which Rep. Wilbur D. Mills (D., Ark.), is chairman. The President's proposals were presented by George

B. Schultz, secretary of the treasury.

The President estimated that his parochial school tax credit program would reduce federal revenue by \$300 million for fiscal year 1974. He said that, due to anticipated increases in parochial school tuition, this loss of federal revenue would climb to \$450 million in future years.

However, in hearings last year on tax credits for nonpublic education, Secretary Schultz estimated the cost to the government to be much higher than is currently proposed. At that

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State Baptist Retirement Plan Gets Credit Increase

DALLAS, (BP) — Most participants in a Baptist state convention pension plan administered by the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board here have received an eight per cent increase in their accrued retirement credits.

Darold H. Morgan, Annuity Board president, said the increase in the board's "Plan A" retirement program was approved by the board's trustees in their quarterly meeting here.

Made retroactive to Jan. 1, 1973, the increase will improve potential retirement benefits for about 20,000 members serving as pastors and church staff members.

Morgan said the eight per cent increase is the second increase to be credited to accounts of these Plan A members in the last four months. A 10 per cent increase was granted earlier.

"Never before has the Annuity

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Big April Increase Boosts Cooperative Program Gifts

NASHVILLE (BP) — A 21.1 per cent increase in contributions through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget for the month of April boosted total receipts through the budget plan for the first seven months of the fiscal year to a record high.

For the first seven months of the year, Cooperative Program contributions have reached \$19.7 million, an increase of almost \$1.7 million, or 9.39 per cent. The 9.39 per cent average is well over the six per cent average needed to meet the SBC operating budget.

Compared to April of 1972, Cooperative Program receipts for April of 1973 increased by more than half a million dollars, and a percentage hike of 21.14 per cent, according to a report prepared by the SBC Executive Committee based here.

In April, 1973, Southern Baptists gave \$2.8 million through the Cooperative Program, compared to \$2.3 million in April, 1972.

John H. Williams, financial plan-

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Jackson Workers In Radio-TV Campaign

Paul M. Stevens (second from right) visited with members of the Jackson SECOND STEP Campaign for the Radio and Television Commission at a recent dinner. With him were (from left) Henry Hederman, partner, Hederman Brothers, initial gifts chairman; Allen Karstens, senior vice president and property manager for Bankers Trust Plaza, special gifts chairman; Paul

Moak, president and general manager, Moak Pontiac, advance gifts chairman; W. P. 'Pat' McMullan Jr., president, Deposit Guaranty National Bank, SECOND STEP Campaign chairman, and Charles H. Hooker, president, Mississippi Stationery Co., major gifts chairman. — Radio-TV Commission photo by Bonita Sparrow.

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very active on the Board of Directors for the Birmingham's Boys' Club, the Relay House, the Baptist Medical Center, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kentucky. Formerly a resident of Hattiesburg, he was elected "Young Man of the Year, 1968" by the Hattiesburg Chamber of Commerce. The Carey Board of Trustees will present Bunn with an honorary doctorate during commencement exercises.

Also receiving an honorary doctorate on May 19 will be Rev. Van H. Hardin, former trustee of William Carey, and currently pastor of First Church, Leakesville. Mr. Hardin served for thirteen years on the Board of Trustees of Southern Seminary. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and of Southern Seminary. He was instrumental in bringing relief in many ways to hurricane victims during the Camille disaster, while he was pastor of First Church, Moss Point.

Carey School of Nursing

William Carey College has announced that all 1972 graduates of the Carey School of Nursing, upon their initial testing, achieved a perfect record of 100% passing on State Board Examinations.

Mrs. Shirley Morrison, dean of the Carey School of Nursing, with headquarters at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, added, "With such an excellent first graduating class we have achieved academic standing and recognition which will continue to be our consistent aim and standard."

The William Carey College School of Nursing came into existence in 1969 when the Hattiesburg liberal arts college merged with the prestigious Mather School of Nursing (a diploma program) affiliated with the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. A four-year baccalaureate program was developed which offers the nursing student five semesters of study on the Hattiesburg campus and three semesters on the New Orleans campus. The first generic nursing class will be graduated on May 19 of this year. However, last May the first bachelor of science in nursing degrees were awarded to students who transferred into the program from the Mather School.

Blue Mountain College

The annual graduation of Blue Mountain College will be

May 20 in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium. The baccalaureate service will be at 11 a.m. with the commencement scheduled for 3 p.m.

The baccalaureate sermon will be given by Dr. Ramsey Pollard of Memphis. Dr. Pollard, who served in the active pastorate for more than 46 years, in June, 1972, retired from the pastorate of Bellevue Church, Memphis. He has been active in state and southwide Baptist activities, having served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention for two years and as president of Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Mary Jane Nethery, a BMC alumna, has been selected to address the graduates at 3 p.m. Miss Nethery is executive secretary - treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Union, Tennessee Baptist Convention. Since her graduation at Blue Mountain College and Southwestern Seminary, she has served in Baptist-related activities. Miss Nethery formerly was assistant to the chaplain and student worker, Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing; Y. W. A. director, Texas Woman's Missionary Union; and dean of students, Mary Hardin - Baylor. She is first vice president of United Tennessee League and a member of Religious Advisory Committee of Union University.

Mississippi College

Mississippi College will honor two prominent Baptist pastors and one of the South's most successful businessmen with honorary degrees during commencement exercises set for Sunday, May 20, at the City Auditorium in Jackson.

Dr. David R. Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, and Dr. Dotson M. Nelson, Jr., pastor of Mountainbrook Church in Birmingham, Ala., will receive the honorary doctor of divinity degree, while T. Hiram Stanley of Columbus, Ga., retired chairman of the Royal Crown Cola Company, will be awarded the doctor of laws degree.

In addition to receiving the honorary degree, Dr. Nelson will also be the commencement speaker. Ceremonies are scheduled to begin at 3 p.m.

Undergraduate and graduate degrees will be bestowed on 420 individuals by Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of Mississipi

College. He will be assisted by Dr. Charles E. Martin, vice-president for academic affairs, and Dr. Woodrow W. Clark, acting dean of the graduate school.

Of the 420 total candidates, 336 will receive one of six bachelor degrees, while 84 are scheduled to receive one of four master's degrees available.

The three men who are to be presented with honorary degrees have all distinguished themselves in their professions and all are graduates of Mississippi college. Each has displayed an active interest in the college since graduation.

Dr. Grant, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is a past member and vice-president of the Mississippi College Board of Trustees and has been involved in promoting the college in many ways.

Dr. Nelson is a native of Clinton and grew up on the Mississippi College campus where his father served as president for 25 years. His mother, Mrs. D. M. Nelson, Sr., still resides in Clinton.

After finishing at Clinton High School, Dr. Nelson continued his education by receiving the bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College and the master of theology and doctor of theology degrees from Southern Seminary. Furman University awarded him the doctor of divinity degree in 1958. Dr. Nelson has been pastor of the Mountainbrook Church in Birmingham since 1961.

Like the other two honorary degree recipients, Mr. Stanley is a native Mississippian. He received the bachelor of arts degree, with special distinction, from Mississippi College. He also graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi and did graduate work at George Peabody College.

Following 14 years in educational work in Mississippi, Mr. Stanley founded the Nehi Bottling Co. of Alexandria, La. In 1929 he joined the Royal Crown Cola Co. as a field representative and advanced through the ranks to be chairman of the Board of Directors. He retired as chairman in 1960. In addition to his bottling activities, he helped build a paper mill in Georgia and later served as a director of the Great Northern Nekeosa Paper Company until 1968. He is a deacon and very active in religious affairs.

'Serious Crime' In '72 Has First Drop In Seventeen Years

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — In 1972, for the first time in 17 years, serious crime in the United States declined, Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst announced here.

In reporting the 3 per cent decrease as tabulated in preliminary FBI statistics, the Attorney General declared: "This is a day that we have been looking forward to for many years. It is an important milestone in the fight to reduce crime and is directly attributable to the strong efforts of law enforcement officers throughout the nation to turn back the wave of crime that rolled upward in the 1960s."

During the year 1972, decreased in serious crime were reported by 94 major cities, compared with 53 in 1971. The greatest decrease was 27.6 per cent, reported by Stamford, Conn.

Serious crime registered a 1 per cent increase from January to September last year, but declined 8 per cent over the remainder of the year. The 1972 decline of 3 per cent compared with an increase of 6 per cent for the year 1971.

Previously, the last measurable decrease in serious crime was a 2 per cent drop recorded for the year 1955 in FBI crime records. A peak year was 1968, when serious crimes rose 17 per cent above the previous year. In the succeeding years, the rate of increase declined to 11 per cent in 1969 and 1970, and 6 per cent for 1971.

Says Jews Should Not Feel Concern

Key 73 Not Much Of A Success, Says Southern Baptist Pastor

HOUSTON (RNS) — American Jews shouldn't be so concerned about the Christian evangelistic effort called Key 73, because Key 73 isn't much of a success, says a Houston Baptist pastor who is also an official of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Dr. Kenneth Chafin, pastor of Houston's large South Main Baptist church, made this remark during a panel discussion at a local synagogue. He was director of evangelism for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention before assuming a pastorate here in 1972. He has continued his work as dean of the

schools of evangelism for the Billy Graham organization, which involves arranging programs for pastors.

Other panel members included Dan Asher, executive director of the Houston Jewish Community Council, Rev. Alfred Dorfner, minister of a local American Lutheran congregation, and Rabbi Kenneth Hain of Houston's United Orthodox Synagogue.

"Key 73 is not doing terribly well. A few months ago I tried to get a Houston meeting together on Key 73 and it was impossible for me to get people to assume leadership. The truth is that until there was expressed anxiety from the Jewish community (on a national level) over Key

73, it was almost impossible to get media publicity," Dr. Chafin said.

Rabbi Hain said one of the most disturbing aspects of Key 73 was its effort to "straddle the fence on where Key 73 stands on converting Jews."

Mr. Asher said he had had very few complaints from Houston Jews on being contacted by Key 73 publicity. "Young people here haven't been concerned. I received only one complaint from a Jew who was invited to a program allegedly to celebrate Israel's 25th anniversary and it turned out to be a pitch for Key 73," he said.

Rabbi Jack Segal, whose synagogue sponsored the discussion, asked Dr.

Chafin where Christians would stand if Jews organized a counter effort in the future to "convert America to Judaism?"

"I would like it," said Dr. Chafin. "It has always bothered me that Jews haven't been as evangelistic as they ought to be. If one has an understanding of life and happiness and does not share it with others, one stands judged before God," said the Southern Baptist pastor.

"Jews don't missionize," replied Rabbi Hain. "It has been difficult enough to transmit Judaism to our own children. We haven't had time to get involved with anyone else," said the Orthodox Rabbi.

William Carey College: Operation Bootstrap, Indeed!

By Chester E. Swor

A legend tells us that a fabled bird, the Phoenix, rose from the ashes of destruction to live a new, vital, youthful life. That

is a fable, but here is a very real fact: In 1945, William Carey College (then Mississippi Woman's College) stirred

Dr. Swor faintly in the ashes of a seven-year period of suspended operations, the loss of faculty and students, the loss of accreditation, and the understandable wonderings of even its most devoted friends concerning its future. In 1947, thanks to the "impossible dream" of the late Dr. L. E. Rouse, the college reopened

with refurbished buildings and equipment, with a small, but excellent faculty, and with a modest student enrollment.

In the first years of the reopened college, there were multiple difficulties, but the indomitable spirit of Dr. Rouse never considered "giving up the ship."

In 1954, Dr. Rouse led the college into coeducation and gave it a fascinating new name. WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE.

New Dazzling Era

In 1956, Dr. Ralph Nooner became president of the college, and his leadership has won for him national admiration; for, indeed, he has presided over the accomplishment of a college miracle. The college now enrolls more than 1,000 students in its regular session; there are more than a dozen new buildings on the campus; the equipment of the college is superior; the faculty strength is outstanding for its academic excellence; there is a thriving School of Nursing; the School of Music is nationally recognized; and the future is as bright as Heaven's help and the help of its friends will make possible.

The Bootstrap Connection

But here is where the bootstrap allusion enters: though the college has had indispensable help from its parent denomination and from the individual contribution of many individuals, the greatest factors in its magnificent growth have been these: inner commitment, valiant determination, and tireless effort. In short, William Carey

College has lifted itself from the ashes of the yesteryears to its strong posture in 1973 largely through its own magnificent spirit.

Now A Lift Is Needed

Now the college needs a "lift" from its friends as it seeks to strengthen its material base for finer service. Tatum Court, an administration-class room building, will be 60 years of age in 1974. Though it was wonderfully well built, any building in constant use for 60 years, used constantly by hundreds of students and visitors — and by hundreds of Baptists who came to summer assemblies there in the long ago — needs extensive and expensive attention.

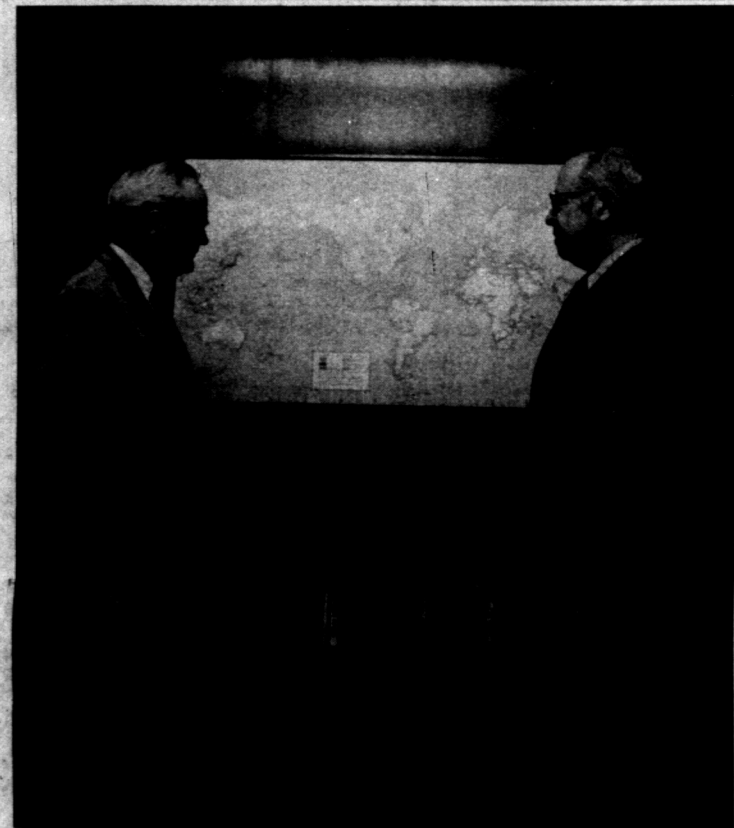
Added to the age factor of Tatum Court are these considerations: the size of the student body and faculty has grown phenomenally; the need for additional administrative space is greater, and the scope of the liberal arts program, a significant portion of which is housed in that building, is so much greater than in 1914. Tatum Court not only deserves a rejuvenation after 60 arduous years; it needs such a favor urgently!

The second urgent need which the successful completion of the

present financial undertaking will meet is the construction of a new and adequate facility for Business and Business Administration. This division of the college has developed impressively, and adequate space is needed urgently for teaching, for faculty offices, and for the latest of business equipment. This new building and equipment will enable the college to do even better preparation of students for today's business world.

A Worthy Request

Remember the adage, "One good turn deserves another"? The very good "turn" which William Carey College has performed in its almost incredible bootstrap operation deserves another good "turn"; and that a good turn can be accorded by alumni and friends of the college through generous gifts to the current financial effort. Among the colleges which deserves to be "patted on the back," William Carey College is among the most deserving; and there's no more helpful "pat on the back" at this time than a "putting into the college purse" of a gift of love and confidence. My modest gift, accompanied by a million good wishes, is being mailed to the college today.



Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board (left), and Frank K. Means, the board's area secretary for South America, discuss the record-breaking Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. The \$15 million received in excess of the 1972 goal will be allocated to help meet needs in many of the 76 countries where Southern Baptists minister. Allocations, determined on a priority basis, will be made during the next few weeks. (BP) Photo by James E. Legg.

\$19.6 Million To Lottie Moon

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ing, Cauthen immediately telephoned Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union, to express appreciation to the WMU and others who helped on promotion of the offering.

Dr. Cauthen, director of the board's Mission Support Division, interpreted the 1972 offering as a "new lease on life" for overseas missions. "With dollar devaluation and inflation cutting so deeply into the spending power of the missionary dollar,"

he said, "this outpouring of support through the Lottie Moon Offering gives a new lease on life for the foreign mission work of Southern Baptists."

Several times during 1972 the Foreign Mission Board made emergency appropriations, attempting to partially offset the effects of the dollar loss on missionary personnel.

The board's most recent attempt to meet the dollar squeeze came in March when it approved a \$151,450 adjustment of funds as emergency compensation in 31 countries.

Glendale Sets High Attendance Record, Presents Cantata

The Sunday School of First Church, Glendale has been involved in an enlistment campaign during April. W. F. Kilgore, Sunday School director, says, "According to available records the second highest attendance in the history of the church was reached Easter Sunday morning with 312 present."

The adult and youth choirs presented an Easter cantata that night. "Hallelujah For the Cross" was under direction of the church music director, Dallas Rayborn. Mrs. Rayborn accompanied at the organ and Mrs. Howard Yawn at the piano. Those with solo or duet parts were Jo Ann Triggs, Sandy Kilgore, Kelly Gilder, and Don Stewart. The girls ensemble from the church sang "Beneath the Cross of Jesus." The ensemble is composed of Jackie Rutland, Janet Triggs, Becky Causey, Sandy Kilgore, Jo Ann Triggs, and Dianne Davis.

Dr. Don H. Stewart, interim pastor, narrated the program. Mrs. M. S. Street was in charge of floral arrangements.

The Convention President Speaks

One of the reasons I decided to put this little article in the Baptist Record each week was to do my best to adequately share information with you. Thus far, I have given this an honest effort. One little difficulty I have encountered is to avoid saying the wrong thing or saying something at the wrong time.

Now I want to lay on your hearts one of the most pressing and vital matters this Convention has faced in a number of years, other than finding an executive secretary. I refer to the rebuilding of our assembly facilities at Gulfshore. Over the years, hundreds of lives have been touched by the programs at that assembly. I have no idea how many people have found Christ as Saviour, how many have heard the call of God to vocational Christian service, or how many have been inspired to a closer walk with God as a result of this type of kingdom service, but I am sure there are many. I am also sure there will be many more

RECIFE, Brazil — North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary, which has just celebrated its 71st anniversary, now has a student body of 120. Of these, 142 are in the school of theology, 44 in church music and 15 in religious education. In addition, 520 are enrolled in the correspondence course for lay leaders.

once we are back on the grounds.

We face the opportunity and challenge of raising money and rebuilding. This is an inspiring task, wonderful opportunity, and glorious challenge. The committee is now meeting in regard to working out details of how this can and will be done. I never had a typing lesson in my life. But I know those who have had lessons learned to type a wonderful phrase coming from the mouth of Charles Weller: "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party." I want to borrow that sentence and paraphrase it to say, "Now is the time for all Mississippi Baptists and their friends to come to the aid of the assembly," and let's build a monument to God. — David Grant.



Timberline Lodge On Mt Hood Near Portland

Timberline Lodge at the 6,000-foot elevation of Mt. Hood, 62 miles from Portland, Oregon, where the Southern

Baptist Convention is slated to meet June 12-14. (BP) Photo Courtesy Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Nixon Sends 'Aid' Plan To Congress

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time the Treasury Department official estimated the cost to be \$584 million, with the cost going up to \$790 million when parochial schools raise their tuition fees for maximum tax credit.

Schultz further added last year that if a refundable provision were added to the bill, "the revenue loss would rise to an estimated \$970 million." Such a refundable provision is now included in the President's new plan.

As proposed, the President's plan would go into effect August 1, 1973. This gives Congress only three months to enact the measure, and it is highly unlikely that both the House and the Senate will move with this much speed on such a controversial law.

Specifically, the President is proposing an income tax credit equal to 50 per cent of the tuition paid in nonpublic schools up to a maximum credit of \$200 per year for each qualified dependent.

In addition, if the parent's tax credit exceeds the amount of income tax for which he is liable for a certain year, he can claim the excess either against the following year's income taxes or he can apply for a cash refund for the excess, according to the President's plan.

Although the President disavowed that there are constitutional problems in his plan stemming from the First Amendment prohibition of public aid for a judicial review process to speed any possible challenges through the any possible challenges through the

to church agencies, he is asking courts.

The reason President Nixon gave for believing that there are no constitutional barriers to his plan is that he is proposing only a 50 per cent tax credit. He states, "In the case of religiously affiliated schools, the 50 per cent credit insures that no portion of a tuition payment which qualifies for credit will be used to subsidize secular education since well over one-half of the education received in such schools is secular in content."

There is a phase-out schedule built into the President's tax credit plan. The income tax credit would not be affected in the case of parents with an adjusted gross income of less than \$18,000. But beginning at \$18,000 the tax credit would be reduced by \$1 for

each \$20 of income in excess over the \$18,000.

The income tax credit proposal for parochial schools required eight pages of general explanation in the President's message to the Ways and Means Committee.

The prospects for an income tax credit plan to aid parochial schools being put into effect are problematical at the present time. Two major barriers stand in the way. First, the normal legislative processes must be followed. This takes time, much time, especially if the proposal is controversial as is this one.

Second, similar plans are now under judicial review by the U. S. Supreme Court. If the Supreme Court disapproves similar practices in New York and Pennsylvania, this raises serious questions about the constitutionality of the proposal now before Congress.

Then, of course, if the President's tax credit plan does pass Congress, and it becomes law, there will be immediate court challenges, which may hold up the program another year or two.

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Computer Seminar Is First In Series

Representatives of the Baptist Conventions of three states outside Mississippi participated in the "first" of a series of "Computer Seminars" scheduled by leadership of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The meeting was held at the Baptist Building in Jackson, on May 1-2 and leaders of the convention board led the meeting. In this photograph, clockwise beginning with A. L. Nelson (nearest to camera), James Smith, Illinois; Haskell Harris, Oklahoma; W. Douglas Hudgins; Mrs. Clyde Nettles; Bruce Barbour, Georgia; James Paynter, Illinois; Arthur Farmer, Illinois; Mrs. Doris Hart. All not listed from another state are on the Mississippi Convention Board staff. Not in picture, but participating in conference were William B. Sellers, Jean Garner of Church Computer services of Jackson, Mrs. Paula Prisock, and Mrs. Ina McFall.

Hospitality Suite To Be Provided At SBC, Portland

All messengers attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Portland, June 11 through 14, are invited to take advantage of a hospitality suite to be provided with the compliments of Glenn W. Wilcox, a messenger from the FBC, Asheville, North Carolina and President of Wilcox Travel Agency, Wilcox World Tours.

Executive Room D at The Benson on Broadway will be open daily Monday, June 11 through Wednesday, June 13 from 7 AM until 11:00 PM during the Convention. In addition to a restful respite from the groups and crowds, refreshments and snacks will be offered throughout the day and evening.

As a special service to messengers, coffee and sweet rolls will be available between 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM each day. As you know from experience at other meetings, all the coffee shops and restaurants within walking distance of the Convention Center are always so crowded at breakfast that it usually necessitates standing in line and waiting. Those wishing to avoid this are invited to take advantage of this complimentary service each morning.

Members of the staff of Wilcox World Tours and representatives of BOAC and Swissair will be on hand throughout the day to answer questions concerning tours to The Holy Land or other areas of the world planned, arranged and conducted on a Christian basis. Readers are invited to stop in for refreshments and more information on the Tour Host Program by Wilcox World Tours, a nationwide tour operator.

Youthful Pastors, Rohrman And Henry, To Preside At Recreation Conferences



Rohrman



Henry

NASHVILLE — Recreation Leadership Conferences, scheduled for Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers early this summer, will feature two outstanding young pastors as conference worship leaders.

Jim Henry, pastor of Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville, will be the worship leader at Ridgecrest, June 7-13; while Larry Rohrman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Jackson, Miss., will lead the worship services at Glorieta, July 12-18.

A native of Nashville, Henry is a member of the executive committees of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Sunday School Board, a trustee of Belmont College and is on the Mayor's Council for Youth Opportunity.

Rohrman, a native Texan, was recently listed among America's 10 outstanding young men of 1973 for his

relief operation which brought food, water and clothing to 60,000 inhabitants of Biloxi, Miss., following Hurricane Camille in 1968. He is a member of Jackson's Rotary Club, the board of directors for the Jackson Chamber of Commerce and the Mississippi Bureau of Drug Enforcement Commission.

Sponsored by the church recreation department of the Sunday School Board, the conferences will provide Bible study and recreation ideas. Participants will pursue creative and advanced drama, day camping, sports, puppetry and play production, wilderness camping, senior adult and family recreation, crafts and retreats, musical recreation, parties, banquets and fellowships.

Oakhurst To Hear Speaker From India

P. N. Kurien of India will be the guest speaker at Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale, on May 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Kurien is active in the work of the All-India Prayer Fellowship, and last year the Baptist Record carried a feature story concerning his work in that capacity.

Astronaut Irwin Is Released From Hospital

AURORA, COLO. (RNS) — James Irwin, 43, the astronaut turned evangelist, has left the Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center here where he spent three weeks recuperating from a heart attack.

A hospital spokesman said that his ultimate recovery "will be complete, but it will be a considerable time before he can return to full action."

Mr. Irwin is expected to spend about three months of convalescence at his home in Colorado Springs.

After his retirement from the space program in August 1972, the Apollo 15 astronaut established the High Flight religious foundation with Rev. W. H. Rittenhouse, who had been Mr. Irwin's pastor at the Nassau Bay Baptist church in Houston.

Two weeks before Mr. Irwin's heart attack in early April, a physician reportedly told him that he was in better physical shape than he had been a year earlier.

Big April Increase - - -

(Continued from page 1) During the first seven months of the SBC fiscal year that started last October, designated contributions were up by \$2.3 million, or 12.02 per cent. So far during the year, Southern Baptists have given more than \$22 million to designated, specific mission causes. Most of the \$22 million came in a record \$19.6 million contributed through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. (See page 2.)

The combined world missions contributions, including both Cooperative Program and designated gifts reached \$41.8 million for the seven month period, and increase of more than \$4 million, or 10.76 per cent.

Contributions counted in the financial report do not include amounts given to support local and state Baptist mission causes, but only reflect gifts to national and world-wide SBC mission efforts.

EAST JERUSALEM, Israel — Some 60 men here are studying the history of Christianity as part of a licensing requirement for tourist guides. Lecturing in the 16-hour course is Southern Baptist missionary Norman F. Lytle. Its purpose, he says, is to give an overview of the historical development of Christianity to help the guides understand visiting Christians. Participants in the course, held at a Baptist student center, are Muslim, Roman and Greek Catholic, Greek and Armenian Orthodox, and evangelical Protestant. They have been guides from 10 to 30 years. Lytle planned the course. The first term, taught in February, began with the origins of New Testament Christianity and continued through the Byzantine and Western periods. The second term, scheduled for May, will cover the Crusades, the Reformation and denominationalism. Emphasis is given to New Testament concepts and teachings in relation to church history.

Some people spend more time trying to dodge duty than would be required to discharge it.

Called To Brandon

Larry Salter has accepted the call of First Church, Brandon to become minister of education and youth. He goes to Brandon from Eudora Church, Memphis, where he was director of youth education. Formerly he was minister of education at State Boulevard Church, Meridian.

Mr. Salter, pictured, is married to the former Connie Ivy; they are the parents of two children. Mr. Salter is a native of Bessemer, Alabama and Mrs. Salter, of Quitman, Mississippi. Both are graduates of Mississippi College. He has a Master of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Seminary.

Brandon is fast growing, and the church is experiencing rapid growth. Attendance records are broken regularly and the sanctuary is filled to capacity each week. The Sunday School has shown a net enrolment increase of 104 since October. In the same period there have been 140 additions to the church.

The pastor, Rev. Tommy Baddley, announces that Mr. Salter began his work on May 7. Dr. John McNair is minister of music.

Flood Damage To Lowndes County Churches

By Kermit S. King
Director, Department of Church Training

At the request of Dr. Hudgins I last week visited the churches in Lowndes Association damaged by recent flooding that area.

Plymouth, Immanuel, and Friendship Churches of Lowndes Association have suffered extensive damages from recent flooding in and near Columbus. Damages are estimated at well above \$50,000 for the three churches.

Immanuel Church, Dr. Horace Fair, pastor, had three feet of water stand-

ing in the church and the pastor's home for several days. This resulted in major damage of floors; drapes throughout the sanctuary; the organ and four pianos at lower floor level; hymnals; pews and pulpit furniture and office furniture and equipment. In use but will have to be replaced.

Plymouth Church, where George W. Bolden has been pastor for five months, stood in six to seven feet of water with two feet of water in the pastor's home on an elevation nearby. All pews in this church, though temporarily usable, will have to be re-

placed. The only piano was ruined along with the tile floor covering. The pastor's study was in seven feet of water causing complete loss of his entire library, mimeograph machine, office furniture, and furnishings. Literature for the current quarter which had arrived at the time of the flood has been replaced. The pump and well require complete overhaul and all doors must be reworked to be usable. Extensive damage was done to personal belongings and furniture in the house. In addition, a recreational facility adjacent to the church was severely damaged.

Friendship Church, Jim Thrash, pastor, received minor damage compared to the other two churches, according to Luther Litchfield, association Mission Committee chairman. There were two to three inches of water in this church causing major damage to the carpet in the sanctuary.

Two local churches have given some assistance to the churches.

In spite of the damage there was an optimistic outlook on the part of the pastors both of Plymouth and Immanuel congregations. Plymouth Church is currently in revival with excellent results reported. The fleet of seven busses operated by Immanuel Church were undamaged and continue to bring in overflow crowds. Both churches report progress in the church program in spite of the damage.

Perhaps the loss to Plymouth Church is more severely felt because of previous church indebtedness and the personal loss to the pastor not only in home furnishings and personal belongings but in the loss of his entire library and office equipment.

It is a mighty nice thing to be weighed in the balances and found satisfactory.



Plymouth Church parsonage, Lowndes Association, is the home of Rev. George W. Bolden, pastor. It was two feet deep in water.



Plymouth Church, Lowndes County, stands 6 or 7 ft. deep in flood waters.



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EDITORIAL

Mother's Day And The Child Care Ministry

Mother's Day has become a part of the American way of life, as all over our nation, all of us seek to honor our own mothers, and all mothers in general. In churches across the land next Sunday, many pastors and congregations will pay tribute to mothers. Well they should, for nothing is more important in the future of our nation than the right kind of mothers. The greatest need of the children of the world is Christian mothers.

As we think of mothers we naturally think of children. And here in Mississippi, as we come to Mother's Day, we think of the Children's Village ministry, through which our convention seeks to minister to the less fortunate children, those from motherless or fatherless homes, from broken homes, or from homes where extenuating circumstances make it difficult or impossible for proper home care to be given. It is here that Baptists have stepped in to provide a helping hand that will give

the children the love and care which the home is established to provide.

Here in Mississippi Mother's Day is the time for making a special offering for the child care ministry, and in our program that means the Children's Village and its auxiliary programs. Since this offering is made only once each year every one of us should want to have a worthy part, and so give that every need will be met.

Mississippi Baptists have every right to be proud of the child care ministry which they support. Under the direction of Mr. Paul Nunnery, Superintendent of the Children's Village program, working under the direction of the trustees, and with a well chosen staff, one of the finest child care ministries to be found anywhere in America has been developed. It includes the main home here at Jackson, but also numerous other ministries. The description of them has been given in the special stories and appeals concerning

the offering which have appeared in this and recent issues of the Record, so we do not repeat them here. We simply want to say that a tremendous job is being done, and these servants of the convention deserve the most liberal support that can be given.

Let every Baptist in every church in the state be given opportunity to share in this great offering. Let's make it by far the largest that we ever have made. The costs of living are so high today that the program must have much more money than usual if it is to give the kind of care we as Baptists want to be given to these boys and girls and young people who have come under our care. If nothing has been said about the offering in your church, why not mention it to the pastor or to the other leaders, and simply say, "Let's take an offering for the Children's Village." If every church in the state does this, and if every Baptist shares generously, Mr. Nunnery and his staff will have more than enough money to do all the things that we expect them to do.

We can do more than we ever have done. Let's do it this time!



"SHE GIVES ATTENTION TO THE WAYS OF HER FAMILY" — PROV. 31:27 (BASIC ENGLISH)

MOTHER — THE INDISPENSABLE

The Problem Of Abortion

Few Supreme Court decisions in recent years have created more conflict and more concern than the abortion decision which was announced last February.

In this decision the Court overthrew state laws forbidding abortion. The ruling allows abortion through the first twelve weeks of pregnancy, leaving the decision up to the woman and the doctor; sets certain limitations for the next twelve weeks, and then prohibits the action after that.

Since the decision was announced there has been a continued debate on the issue, with some upholding it, and some condemning it. That even Baptists are divided on the issue is evidenced by the mail that we have received and the letters we have published.

Although there is no official Baptist position on this, even as there can be no official position on any other issue, perhaps the clearest statement on the matter which has been made by Southern Baptists was the resolution adopted by the Convention in 1971 which said, "Therefore, be it Resolved, that this Convention express the belief that society has a responsibility to affirm through the laws of the state a high view of the sanctity of human life, including fetal life, in order to protect those who cannot protect themselves; and be it further Resolved, That we call upon Southern Baptists to work for legislation that will allow the possibility of abortion under conditions as rape, incest, clear evidence of severe fetal deformity, and carefully ascertained evidence of the likelihood of damage to the emotional, mental and

physical health of the mother."

This statement is a far cry from the decision of the Supreme Court, since it evidently means to approve of abortion "only" under the circumstances named. While the statement is not binding upon any Baptist, it would appear to us that it represents the position of a majority, and probably, a large percentage of Baptists.

Baptist people do recognize the sanctity of human life, and the responsibility of individuals for their moral conduct. They simply do not condone the idea that individuals can make a playing of sex, and then, if caught in a pregnancy, seek the easy way out through abortion. Neither, do they approve of the idea of married persons deliberately getting rid of a prospective human being, simply because they do not want it.

The Bible is rather clear in forbidding the wrong use of sex, and while it does not appear to be very specific about the issue of abortion, that would appear to be because the issue was not raised in that day.

We believe that modern people will stand much more fully in a position of approval before God, if they properly respect God's teachings concerning sex, obey his commands concerning it, and give the same respect that He gives to human life. Just because a thing is legal does not mean that it is morally right. We do not think there will be many problems concerning what is right or wrong in the matter of abortion if we follow God's commands. We think that the Southern Baptist Convention has well stated a good Christian position.

Guest Editorial

The Accusations And The Facts

Jack Gritz
in Baptist Messenger (Okla.)

Strange charges are made against Southern Baptists these days. At times they even come from those within our own ranks.

A few weeks ago, according to Baptist Press, the first Catholic, Jewish and Baptist trilogue in history was held in Nashville, Tenn. Catholics and Jews came off looking pretty good but not Southern Baptists. M. Thomas Starkes, secretary of the department of interfaith witness of the Home Mission Board, and other Southern Baptist participants adopted and presented a resolution there calling on Southern Baptists to combat overt and subtle anti-semitism and to confess past guilt in stereotypical thinking, exploitative evangelistic techniques, political practices legislating against Jews, and references to Jews as Christ-killers.

We have been watching and listening to Southern Baptists for a long time. We do not think they are guilty of these accusations and, therefore, do not need to confess them. Of course, we have plenty of other sins — but not these. We wonder if Starkes and his friends missed the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia last June. The SBC adopted a strong resolution then against anti-semitism.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

A Word From The Stamps, On Returning To Ecuador

Dear Dr. Odle:

Please let me share with you my sincere and heartfelt appreciation for the Baptists of Mississippi, for your prayer support, and for your personal interest in world missions. Mississippi Baptists have been good to us in more ways than we can express here. This has been a happy and rewarding furlough and we return to Ecuador refreshed and inspired. We are also deeply indebted to First Baptist Church of Columbia, Dr. Howard Aultman, pastor, for providing a missionary residence for use of furloughing missionaries. This is a fine service and frees the missionary on leave of a number of problems and worries. I wish more churches and associations would be led into this service.

We are also indebted to the Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union of the state for giving us opportunities to share in camps and conferences that have been a blessing to us. Also to be included in this is the Stewardship Department which gave us the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Cooperative Program in churches. The Music Department has graciously led in rounding up some used choir robes which we will take back and use in an associational music and TV ministry. Several churches have provided equipment we can make use of in our ministry as we work in theological education among laymen. We are thankful to God for all these and many other blessings.

During the next term we will be involved in a special project to develop and direct a program of training for lay leaders in our churches. This will be in cooperation with the newly organized Ecuador Baptist Convention. I'll be the director. We will establish extension study centers in several churches throughout the country to train lay preachers and evangelists. Among the tools we plan to make use of are cassette players and recordings of lessons to supplement the visits of a teacher to the extension center and the home study of the students. I believe this will be a means in God's hands to open many new preaching points and missions which will develop into churches. We covet the prayers of Mississippi Baptists for this ministry.

In addition Glenna and I will teach in the Theological Institute in Guayaquil, cooperate with churches in the Guayaquil Baptist Association and I will serve as manager of the Baptist Bookstore and a deposit of Christian literature from our publishing house in El Paso, Texas. We look forward to a busy and happy term of service.

The Lord willing we will depart from Jackson on Friday, May 11, spend the weekend in West Palm Beach, Florida with friends and arrive in Ecuador on May 14.

Most sincerely,
Stanley D. Stamps
Missionary to Ecuador

On The MORAL SCENE...

Washington — Over 55% of your Federal tax dollars goes for current military and war-related appropriations, topping the 21.7% for human needs at home, according to an analysis by the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL). The Quaker group says in its March Washington Newsletter that its study of money voted by Congress last calendar year shows that the total military and war-related appropriations were \$120 billion, up nearly \$8 billion from the year before. Current military appropriations, including the Defense Department and other military funding, were up \$4.6 billion from calendar 1971. Total 1972 Congressional appropriations came to \$216.2 billion, up \$25.7 billion. The \$216.2 billion includes regular Fiscal 1973 appropriations bills and four supplemental bills for Fiscal 1972. The FCNL analysis shows that current military activities took up 38.4% of Congressional spending last calendar year, while Veterans and the National Debt (which is at least 75% war created) brought the total military and war-related spending to 55.5%. The 21.7% for human needs at home includes welfare, housing, education, health, environmental activities and disaster relief.

(From Newsletter, March 27, 1973 of the



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

At a shower the other afternoon I had one of those nice times of talking with friends I rarely ever see for more than a word in passing. One of them said, "You know, I have this hang-up that if I don't read a certain part (of each paper I read) which I always read first, I can't concentrate on anything else, and I always have to go back and read that certain part. It's just a hang-up that I have. Your column is the part I read first, but if I don't, I have to come back and read it before I can finish anything else. Do you have any hang-ups like that? Some silly little something you just can't get by?"

I wanted to say, "Mrs. Meek, I think you've got a great hang-up!" But I didn't. I told her I was sure I did, though they didn't come to mind immediately, except that I do have a hang-up about talking — too much.

That night we went out to eat. All the silver was on the right side of the plate. As I placed the fork on the left, the knife, blade — in, on the right and the spoon by the knife, I said, "I do have a hang-up! That is it!" No matter where I eat, even at my desk at school, I always arrange or re-arrange the silver like my mother insisted I place it all those years I set the table at the Trenor house. I never start eating until I do. I can't seem to get past that hang-up.

Another hang-up I have is the inability to go to sleep with closet doors standing open in our bedroom. I know there is no need to go to bed and turn out the light with a closet door open because I'll simply have to get up to close the closet door.

The Sunday morning after the conversation which initiated this hang-up hunt I found I have another hang-up which is really serious. It's the fear of singing a solo. I have had the fear since before I sang my first one. Probably it is the only fear in my life I still cannot seem to get by. It has been such a serious thing that I refuse for months at a time to sing a solo. Then I say, "This is silly. I won't get so scared again, and I sing and it happens again. Fear grips my stomach so hard it is sore for a day or two. On this particular Sunday I was singing for both morning services at Broadmoor. As I sat there thinking about the melody of "miracle" songs I would sing, I thought, How ridiculous for someone for whom God has made so many miracles happen, both magnificent miracles and mini-miracles, to sit here and feel both nauseated and faint with fear.

You know what I've decided?
That the devil really does make me do it.

Friends Committee on National Legislation, 245 Second Street, Northeast, Washington, D. C. 20002.)

Good Law — Starting this month garages in Sweden must guarantee all repair work for 3125 miles or three months whichever comes first. — (From "Intelligence Report," "Parade," 4-1-73)

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NEWEST BOOKS

New Book Released On Church-State Relationships

THE GREAT CHURCH-STATE FRAUD by C. Stanley Lowell (Robert B. Luce, Inc., 224 pp., \$7.50).

America was founded upon the principle of absolute separation of church and state, says the author. The American founding fathers discovered the flaw in the all but universal pattern of church-state relationships, and sought to eliminate it in this new land. The flaw was that "From the days of ancient Egypt until now the interlocking of church and state had been one of the most prolific sources of mankind's ills. Both church and state have suffered immeasurably from this relationship, but the people themselves have suffered immeasurably from this relationship, but the people themselves have been the principle victims." In recent years, however, a "great end run" has been made around the principle as selfish groups have sought to avoid it in order to get public money for church programs and institutions. The book tells of how President John Kennedy adamantly withstood these efforts, but after his death, new programs were developed, which opened the way for destroying the principle. Through child benefit programs, urban renewal, surplus property, low-cut housing, surplus food distribution, poverty programs, and other programs ways have been found to siphon multiplied millions of dollars into church coffers. The book reveals how usually vocal groups such as Baptist often have been silenced, and how that those seeking these funds for their institutions never give up. When one effort fails they turn to something else. When the courts become unresponsive, they turn to the legislatures or the people themselves reject it, a new approach is tried. This is a must book for those who wish to understand what is the latest situation in church-state relations in America.

OPPOSITION TO THE CHURCH by Horace Fair (Published by the author, 1806 Old Aberdeen Rd., Columbus, Miss. 39701, 207 pp., paper, \$2.50). The author is a Mississippi Baptist pastor, presently serving at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Columbus. In this book he discusses the opposition faced by the church. However, the material is not what one might expect. He discusses first

of all the opposition to the church and its program from those who are within. He deals with the immature, the unfaithful, the thieves and robbers, the backbiters, and the deceived. This is followed by opposition from without the church and he considers the family (unchurched), the community, the nation and the world. The author gives a clear view of the problems which surround the church today and what the church must do about them. These are provocative chapters presenting modern problems of the church.

PEOPLE SEARCH GUIDE by Kenneth M. Dean (Convention Press, paper, 56 pp.) This book begins with a list of 101 ways to find prospects. The eight chapters then give detailed information on preparing for and conducting a people search, including door-to-door surveys, telephone surveys, and many additional people search approaches. The author is a consultant in the Sunday School Department, BSSB.

CONVENANT AND HOPE by Eric C. Rust (Word, 192 pp., \$5.95). The author is a professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Biblical, historical, and eschatological insight into the five Old Testament books — Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel. The author says that he is seeking to portray the current understanding of the theology of the prophets. This is not a commentary.

LUKE, THE BOY WHO WANTED TO MAKE PEOPLE WELL by Gerald N. Battie, illustrated by Dorothy Teichman (Word Books, 144 pp., \$3.95).

This readable book for children is third in a series of the author's biographies of Bible people. (The first ones were about Gideon and about Simon Peter.) What was Luke like as a boy? Did he like to draw or write? When did he decide to become a doctor? Though the events in Luke's young life may not have happened exactly the way this book tells them, they well might have.

HELP FOR SINGLE PARENTS by J. Clark Hensley (Christian Action Commission, paper, 113 pp., \$2.00) This is a well-written and very readable book of wise counsel for

those who have loved ones who are single parents, for those who want to help single parents, and for those who are single parents. It discusses specific needs and problems of the divorcee, the widow or widower, the husband away because of military or construction, the parent deserted, the unwed mother, the unwed father. The author is executive director of the Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention. Dr. Hensley has conducted more than one hundred family life conferences and family life enrichment revivals and has served as a counselor for more than 25 years.

BIBLE CHARACTERS AND DOCTRINES, JEROBOAM TO HOSEA - LAW AND GRACE by E. M. Blaiklock and H. H. Rowden; **BATHSHEBA TO REHOBAMAN AND SIN** by E. M. Blaiklock and A. Skevington Wood (Baker, paper, 128 pp. each, paper, \$1.50 each) Two more volumes in a new series of Bible study aids, designed for daily use. Each volume consists of some 90 articles, half focusing on biblical doctrines and the remainder providing sketches of Bible characters. Series will include 16 volumes.

WHEN TRAGEDY STRIKES by Charles B. Graves, Jr. (Crescendo Book Publications, paper, 95 pp., \$1.50) A Texas engineer wrote this book. He is a Baptist whose lovely young wife, mother of five children, was killed in an automobile accident. Inspired by the beauty of her life and the victory of her death, he felt his own spiritual vision sharpened, and hopes that the reading of this book will do the same for the reader.

DARE TO SHARE, A Manual On Soul-Winning by Murray W. Downey (Baker, paper, 31 pp., 50 cents) A clear, Scriptural, practical presentation of how to be a successful soul-winner through personal work. The author has used the material for this book for years in his classes on soul-winning, at Melbourne Bible Institute in Australia.

MALACHI'S MESSAGE FOR TODAY by G. Campbell Morgan (Baker, paper, 131 pp., \$1.95) New edition of a series of addresses on Malachi delivered by "The Prince of Expositors" to students of Moody Bible Institute.



McLemore Elected President, Historical Society, SBC

Dr. R. A. McLemore, pictured at left, of Clinton, executive-secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission, was elected president of the Southern Baptist Historical Society at the annual meeting of the society and the Historical Commission, SBC, at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, April 16-18. Lynn E. May, Jr., center, executive secretary, Historical Commission, SBC, was elected treasurer of the Society and Walter B. Shurden, right, professor of religion at Carson-Newman College, was made vice-president. More than 100 attended the Historical Commission and Southern Baptist Historical Society joint two-day meeting which featured several papers on state Baptist history themes and a workshop session on the state Baptist historical agency. This was the group's first meeting to be held outside Nashville since 1955.

NEWS BRIEFS

400 Converts Recorded In One Night

NEDERLAND, Tex. (BP)—Nearly 400 professions of faith in one evening at First Baptist Church here have prompted the Nederland church's leaders to wonder if it's a new record for a single night of a church revival.

More than 900 decisions were recorded during the one-week revival including a total of 608 professions of faith. Tuesday night alone saw 388 professions.

The evangelist, David Stockwell, of Baton Rouge, La., is a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, and a former linebacker for Rice University, Houston.

Bus Ministry Grows From "Grass Roots"

ATLANTA (BP)—More than 7,000 of the Southern Baptist Convention's 34,000 churches now have a bus ministry, William A. Powell said. bus evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board said here.

"This is about 20 per cent of our churches, almost 20 times as many as there were two years ago," Powell said.

When the first Southern Baptist church bus evangelism clinic was held in February of 1971, there were only about 350 SBC churches with a bus ministry, Powell said. In 1971, these 350 churches had about 700 bus routes bringing 18,000 riders to church each Sunday.

Today, more than 500,000 riders are enrolled on 14,000 bus routes, Powell estimated. "On an average Sunday morning, there are now about 350,000 people riding church buses to SBC churches," he said. "It is estimated that about 10 per cent of the people attending a Southern Baptist church next Sunday will ride a church bus."

Bible Conference Has Record Attendance

MEMPHIS (BP) — More than 4,000 persons from 22 states gathered recently in Memphis to attend the Mid-America Bible Conference at Bellevue Baptist Church.

It was one of the largest groups ever to attend a Bible conference sponsored by the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Number Of Baptists In Britain Declines

LONDON (RNS)—Membership of Britain's major Free Churches dropped collectively by 66,006 to 1,237,667 in 1972, according to the annual report and directory of the Free Church Federal Council. Total membership in 1971 was 1,303,673.

Membership of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland was down to 201,646 last year (compared with 250,903 in 1970).

Javed Is Dead

By Marjorie Bennett

Javed is dead.

He was 5 years old and weighed an unbelievable 10 1/2 pounds. The oldest of three sons, Javed was caught in the middle of a struggle for mere existence following the war for independence in Bangladesh and the resultant bitterness between Bengalis and non-Bengalis.

A program for the rehabilitation of malnourished children was begun at the Baptist Welfare Center on the outskirts of Dacca in January. Javed and his 3-year-old brother, Jahed, were two of the first eight children entered.

They were literally "skin and bones," especially Javed who was so weak he could not stand alone on



This malnourished 5-year-old gets his daily bath at a day care center in the Mirpur District of Dacca, Bangladesh. Southern Baptists help support this center which provides three meals, a bath and change of clothes daily for the children enrolled. A consulting physician is on hand to dispense vitamins and medicines. (Photo by Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, FMB medical consultant)

his spindly legs. He was completely without the vitality of a normal 5-year-old, but lay all day in his mother's lap and cried.

Every morning their mother would bring Javed and Jahed to the Baptist center for the day. There they were fed, dressed in clean clothes, and had three meals, including milk, cream of wheat, rice, vegetables, meat and fruit. They were given vitamins and medicines as prescribed by the consulting physician.

Before the first week had passed, an improvement could be seen in Javed, whose appetite was increasing. His cheeks began to fill out though his legs and arms were still pitifully thin.

But for 5-year-old Javed, it was too late. After 2 1/2 weeks at the center, he died. Only 11 days before, a younger, healthier brother had died; he had never gone to the center because he had measles. What a tragedy for these parents in a land where a mother is honored for her sons and where parents depend on sons to care for them in their old age!

Now little brother Jahed alone is left in their tent home and the father in his grief refuses to send him back to the center. The mother, who was there with her boys, knows they receive only loving, helpful care, but will she be able to persuade her husband to send their one remaining child for the milk and food that mean life and health for him?

We are praying that Javed will come back and this tragedy will somehow be used to help his parents understand that God loves them and their children.

In the meantime, the program goes on feeding other children who are malnourished and ill because they are beyond the age of breast-feeding and not yet able to digest their family's limited diet of fried whole-wheat bread.

This center's program is a cooperative effort among Southern Baptists, other Christian groups and the Red Cross.

America's Home Life Needs Refurbishing

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the rug any bad, painful, unhappy news. And yet we felt that it was time someone stood up and said the tragedy of drug abuse was on everyone's doorstep... that it crossed geographic, economic, religious, educational — every kind of line you can imagine.

Following our announcement, our mail was unbelievable! Hundreds of thousands of letters—LITERALLY, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS—from all over the world sympathizing, holding forth love and prayers for us. As a result I set out on this crusade which has occupied so much of my time in the last two years. I found first that being the victim of a tragedy does not make you an expert. I was ignorant of the subject. I had the same stereotyped, caricatured, mythical view of what drugs were and what they did to our children as most middle-class Americans did. I thought that we had to hire more policemen, build bigger jails, arrest the pushers and the users, crack down on our immigration authorities so that they were more particular about the kinds of drug pushers they allowed in our country, etc. I found so many other things that were different that today when I talk about drugs I do it with great understanding, sympathy and compassion for the people who use it — and even for the people who sell it! Let me tell you something about this tragic subject.

Our youngsters today are using drugs in the amounts that they are and with the reckless abandon that they are because it is the "in" thing to do. It is the fashionable way of expressing your young, daring, growing-up years. And just as most of us when we were young did something foolish, so today the kids are experimenting with chemicals. Then of course, there is a certain number of youngsters who are rebellious. They are using this as a means of expressing their disenchantment with life or the rebellion against authority. Then, of course, there are those who are curious (as all youth are) and there are those who are watching the older generation who has pretty well set up two standards of morality as far as drugs are concerned.

I want to point out that in this day and age most Americans are using some kind of drugs — "mind-bending" drugs. Most Americans are smoking or drinking or using drugs to go to sleep, or to wake up, or be tranquilized, or to lose weight, or for any other thing that possibly can be a source of anxiety or worry. We have been brainwashed in the last 25 or 30 years by the greatest barrage of advertising that the world has ever known. Most of us believe that relief from anxiety is just a swallow away. Our medicine cabinets at home are filled with pills. Our radios, TV, magazines and newspapers are filled with ads that say, "Better Living Through Chemistry." Most of us feel no compunction about taking an aspirin (many of these things are good drugs) but we take too many, too often instead of facing up to our problems, which is the real way of growing up. And so our youngsters are doing just what they've seen us do but they are doing it in excess.

Furthermore, they are following two different kinds of missionaries who are very seductive, very persuasive. These missionaries of the first type I am going to mention started in about 1960-1969 with the advent of the acid rock musicians. Now, these young musically talented people like the Beatles, Jefferson Airplane and many others, sang drug songs (among many of the kinds of songs) and the drug songs familiarized our young people, through records and radio mostly, with the words of the drug culture and with the feeling that drugs were a kind of a part of an entertainment scene. They weren't shocking! They weren't frightening! They weren't alarming! They were singing about them.

Now I don't say that anybody goes out and tries drugs because they listen to a record or listen to a song, but subliminally that song is conditioning them not to be shocked if they are offered drugs.

Secondly, these same young acid rock stars were not just singing about drugs, they were living drug lives and bragging about it! Through the young world of the growing up child went the delicious stories about how the Beatles standing outside the Queen's official chambers in Buckingham Palace in London, waiting to be given one of the highest honors the British Commonwealth of Nations could bestow upon any commercial group, went into the men's lavatory and got high on marijuana. The y bragged about this and it went through all the world of the publishing newspapers and magazines, etc., and the kids chuckled with glee at the fact that the Beatles were disdaining the old Establishment by turning on, getting "high" while they were waiting to be given this award. That's one example.

Grace Slick of the Jefferson Airplane was inadvertently invited to the White House to go to a party and tried to smuggle LSD into her purse to drop it into the punch—a huge joke to turn on everybody at the White House. It was reported in Time and Life and Look, AP and INS, and other wire services—and all the underground press picked it up. Don't think the kids of this country and elsewhere didn't laugh at the thought of one of their favorite singers trying to turn on the whole White House! These kinds of things were what made the idea of following in the footsteps of their idols, the singing stars, who were using it and telling everybody at rock concerts to turn on and get high. This was a very important factor.

On the other side of the spectrum, we have a man like Timothy Leary, Harvard professor, speaking as he did (sometimes in the same town I was speaking) telling everyone that LSD was the greatest chemical ever invented by God; that it gave you a religious experience; gave you an insight to yourself that nothing else could do; and that LSD should be used if you really want-

ed to expand your mind and live internally as you have been taught to live externally.

So, LSD was given the stamp of approval by many college professors and college students. Now this forest fire of chemical misuse, along with barbiturates, amphetamines and all the other kinds of tranquilizers that were available everywhere across the counter has combined to give us a chemical forest fire that is raging in this country today. Over 75 percent of all the young people who are growing up in this country will have tried drugs before they get out of high school or college. Thank God most of them will have tried it only as curious, daring, showing off, being part of the gang—they will have experimented with marijuana or one of the other drugs. Most of those will not go on and become regular users. Roughly, 20 per cent will become what we call weekend or party recreational users. The kind who don't really need drugs. But when they are at a party and people have it, they say, "Sure we'll try it. Everybody else is trying it." Then, of that 20 percent or 25 percent, about 10 percent will become what we call "heads" or "freaks" — they really need it. They're anxious; they're defeated; they're disturbed; they're the kind of people who are losers. They are loners. They have a very low self-profile. They actually need something and they turn to drugs to give them that something. Then, of course, there's the 1 percent or 2 percent who go on to be the real losers. They're the ones who go on to the hard drugs, mainlining them and using all of the hypodermic needles, whether it is speed of heroin or morphine or cocaine, or any of the other things.

Today I want to tell you that in spite of the fact that this vast number of young people, added to the millions of older people who are hooked on sleeping pills and pep pills and diet pills and all of those things that the doctors carelessly prescribe or the druggists carelessly sell — all of these people are in danger of permanent harm to themselves one way or the other, either mentally or spiritually — in their careers or in their families. I am not going to talk in great detail about any of the drugs because I don't feel this is the place to do that. What I want to do is to tell you what I think we must do in this country and the important ways in which we must fight this drug abuse problem.

We must stop to think why people are taking drugs, not what are they, or where they come from, because we will never be able to stop the supply of drugs. Today there are over 5,000 different psychoactive drugs all the way from the organic drugs grown naturally to the drugs created in laboratories. We're never going to be able to stop the supply or availability of drugs. WE HAVE TO MAKE LIFE MORE MEANINGFUL! WE HAVE TO, AS PARENTS, GIVE OUR CHILDREN MORE LOVE, AND MORE CARE, AND MORE CONCERN AND COMMUNICATION; AND AS HUMAN BEINGS WE HAVE TO FILL OUR LIVES WITH SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN MATERIALISTIC THINGS.

This society today, as you all know, has become the kind of civilization where we are graded on how much money we have, how many TV sets we have, how big our homes, how many cars, whether we go to Europe—rather than whether we love, care, and communicate with each other. I SAY TO YOU THAT THE HOME LIFE OF AMERICA NEEDS TO BE RE-FURNISHED, STRENGTHENED AND BROUGHT BACK INTO ITS PROPER FOCUS. Today our kids are so far down the list of priorities that it is shameful and alarming.

Dr. Urie Bronfenbrenner of Cornell University says of all the Western civilizations, in the United States we give our children less of our own time, and care, and love than any other country. We give them more cars, more TV sets, cassettes, money, vacations, private schools — but how many of us give ourselves to our children? That is what we're coming back to. I see across the country, as a result of this terrible drug plague, a resurgence of care — and do you know, God moves in mysterious ways? Perhaps the frightening thought of losing our children will drive us back to looking at them with a new eye; and perhaps strengthening a great many of the loosening family ties that have bound us together in the past. If you will just very briefly look down the average American family you will see: (1) Divorce splitting up people; (2) moving to new communities with new roots, new temptations. No corps of old friends and relatives surrounding them. The myth of a father who is no longer a father figure. We see instead gratification of desires. Permissiveness as has never before been the case in American history. And all these things combine to make our American families today so loose and so uncaring for each other that there is no wonder that we have alcohol, drugs, liberalized sex attitudes, run-aways, vandalism, disregard for law. All of these things (not just drug abuse) coming out of the fact that American life, and modern life everywhere, has become a pursuit of the material and a lack of the realization that human beings interacting with each other is the most important deterrent to all forms of excess living that deteriorate and destroy the soul and the body of the average human being.

I am encouraged by a number of things. I find that there is a gigantic upsurge of religious and spiritual interest among young people of America. Now, like most young people, there are excesses. You see the Jesus freaks as they are called who run up and down the streets, almost intemperately, advertising their belief in Jesus. But I would rather see that than have them turned on to drugs of any kind. We also see the street Christians of many, many different kinds. The point is, the young people are telling us, one way or other, that they need something inside.

that all the exterior things are NOT enough... that they need something to live for, some values they can believe in, some love and caring that they have too long been denied. And if they get that, drugs aren't going to be that important. Drugs aren't going to be that much of a needed crutch. That's all they really are—a crutch to get us past defeat, anxiety, despair, loss, loneliness. In this country today we have more lonely people than we have ever had before living in the biggest crowds — loneliness. It is a great sickness. Drugs raise and elevate a person — they turn them on, give them a "high." When I talk to people, I tell them that same "high"—much better — much more constructive — and much longer lasting — can be had by spiritual help and strength. Religion has been the greatest "high" that human beings have ever had in the thousands of years that all kinds of humans have used drugs.

By the way, let me comment on just that for a second. Ever since human beings have been on the earth they have unerringly found drugs to relieve their anxiety. The natives in the high mountains of Peru gasping for breath and fatigued in the fields found the cocoa leaf which they chew with lime, and from which we get cocaine. The natives in Mexico working in the hot, fertile, tropical valleys found the mushrooms which are full of hallucinogenic materials. The cactus bud gives us the mescaline, the peyote; and then of course, the cannabis sativa plant or marijuana plant, grown all over the world. I don't have to tell you what the poppy has brought us. These kinds of things have been available for humankind for 5,000 years, and it's always been the inadequate "no-hopers," as we say in Australia, who have turned to these kinds of drugs. But today, for the first time in the history of the world, the leaders of the future are being threatened by drugs. The finest young people of this country and of the world are the ones who are turning on. And that's why I am so concerned.

I left the United Nations where I spoke before a distinguished audience and went to Appleton, Wisconsin, a little town in the middle-west where you think there would be no drug abuse at all (a kind of farm town). They're so desperate; they have so many drug addicts there they don't know which way to turn. I spoke to 900 first graders seated on gym mats in a great big auditorium — and if you don't think that's quite a switch in both language, figure of speech and attitude — from the UN to the first graders. While the UN Secretary General paid me one of the finest compliments of my life when he told me that it was the most moving speech he had heard in his life at the UN, I got an even better compliment from a first grader who wrote me in big black letters after I spoke at Appleton. He says: "Dear Art Linkletter, you are the best speaker I have ever heard. (Period, Paragraph) You are the ONLY speaker I have ever heard." THAT came right from the heart.

As I go from place to place with different audiences, different age levels, different intellectual pursuits, and different motivations, I try to convey all of the various facets of this complicated, exasperating and desperate subject. But I want to tell you that it all comes down finally to one thing; that is, WHAT DO YOU HAVE INSIDE OF YOU? Do you have hope? Do you have God? Then you don't need drugs; you can be turned on by an exaltation greater than any chemical that was ever invented. I tell the kids in high schools, colleges and grammar schools and their mothers and dads that the way to be turned on to life is to live a meaningful life, a life where you have faith, and where you have love running through it. If I could leave one word that would be more important than any other word with the average person in the United States that has to do with battling drugs, all of the other excesses, it's that one word, "LOVE" — care, loving each other.

I am going to conclude with a little story that I am often reminded of because too many of us living our fast-paced lives involved with materialistic pursuits and fun and games and excitement forget that there are people right next to us who are dying inside because of lack of love. Since I am an orphan originally, this particular story has appeal for me because it is about an orphanage.

One time at the little orphanage a girl arrived who was an unattractive sort of girl. She was a "loner" as so many people are; she didn't make friends easily. She wasn't the kind of person you'd rush over and become a buddy with very rapidly. And so, shortly after she had been there the children who had made some faint overtures to her had disdained her, and the teachers didn't care for her. She was a little girl by herself. Everywhere, nobody invited her to play games and they just accepted her as part of the scenery. One day a school teacher saw her go down in the pasture behind the orphanage, and she kind of sidled down to where a big low-lying oak was with a lot of branches. She reached in her little apron and took out something. She put it in an opening in the oak tree.

The teacher thought, "Uh-huh, that miserable child has been stealing, and I am going down and find out what she has been stealing and report her."

After she had gone, the teacher went down and reached in the oak tree and brought out a crumpled piece of paper. On this paper were written these words, "To anyone who finds this, I love you." A dramatic instance of a child crying out for love and unable to express it — unable to communicate; and yet it was needed, as it is with all of us.

My message to mothers and dads and youngsters, ministers, teachers, parole officers and all is that we LOVE ONE ANOTHER as Jesus said.

20-Year-Old Needs Kidney Transplant

John C. Hammer, age 20, son of Lloyd Hammer, USAF Medical Center, Keesler, was to undergo surgery this week at Ochsner's Clinic in New Orleans, for removal of his kidneys, which were deteriorating. He is to receive a kidney transplant as soon as a suitable donor is available.



His brother, Lloyd, who is in the U. S. Air Force, has been tested as a possible donor, but was not found compatible.

Now his father will be tested to see if he can be the donor. John arrived home February 20 from Mississippi State University, where he was in his second year, and was admitted to Howard Memorial Hospital, Biloxi. On February 25 he was transferred to Ochsner's for further evaluation.

The estimated cost for treatment and transplant for John will be \$50,000 to \$70,000. A committee of friends has undertaken the task of raising the thousands of dollars beyond what John's father's insurance will pay toward the total costs required for the complicated treatment and ultimate transplant.

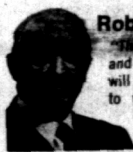
John Hammer was born May 28, 1952. He played the trumpet in the Jeff Davis Elementary, Fernwood Junior High, and Biloxi Senior High School bands. At State he is majoring in forestry.

His father is a civilian employee at the USAF Medical Center, Keesler. His mother is the former Helen Jeanette Collins, formerly of Pass Christian.

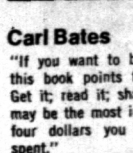
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John's address is 17 Ann Court, Biloxi, Ms. 39531.

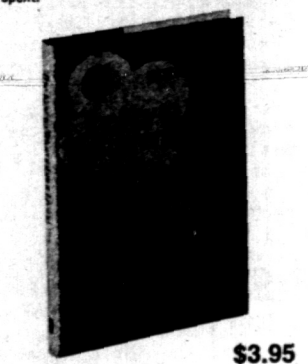
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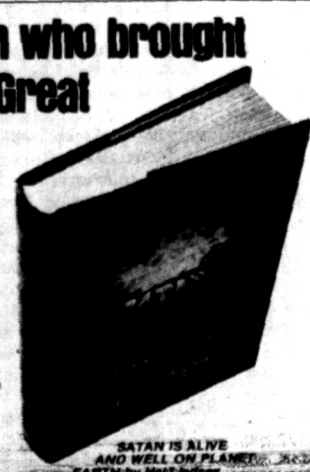
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Make A Banner To Display For Home Mission Weeks

The 1973 theme for Home Missions Conferences at Glorieta and Ridgecrest is **THE WORD - CROSSING BARRIERS**. The worship services each evening will highlight a barrier to be crossed for Christ.

To support the speaker in his verbal message and to create added visual interest, colorful religious banners will be used to dramatize the presentation of the theme each evening.

M. Wendell Belew, director, Division of Missions, Home Mission Board is chairman of the worship committee for Home Missions Conferences. Dr. Belew has written to all superintendents of missions asking them to encourage the churches in their associations to pool their resources and talents and create a banner with religious words and designs for the association.

The banners will be displayed in the worship center at Glorieta, August 2-8, and Ridgecrest, August 15-21, during Home Missions Conference weeks. The banners may convey any spiritual message the makers wish to express.

Information has been furnished the superintendents of missions on where they may purchase Make-it-Yourself Banner Kits, the size of the banners, words and designs and the date deadline and place to mail them.

Home missions weeks is a great event at Glorieta and Ridgecrest. This year each church in the Convention, throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and Panama, working through their association, can have an important part and be represented in the Board's effort to encourage and inspire our people to "cross barriers with the Gospel for Christ."

If there are members in your church who would like to participate in this project, get in touch with your associational superintendent of missions and volunteer your assistance.

Barrons' Day At Richton

April 29 was "Tom Barrons' Day" at Richton. For four years the Barrons have served as missionaries to Indonesia.



While on furlough this year, Tom and Hazel Barron and their children, Tom and Becky, have lived in Richton. They have spoken in many of the churches of the county and the state.

As the Barrons will return this summer to Indonesia, First Church, Richton, honored them with a Special Day. Mr. Barron, pictured, brought the message at the 11 a.m. worship hour and the church enjoyed a fellowship meal together.

Rev. Marcus Finch, pastor, states that because this couple has meant so much to the church, members presented them with special gifts and a love offering to use as they return to their mission work.

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When Southern Baptist missionaries to Chile got together in Santiago for semi-annual mission meeting, the six from Mississippi (one-ninth of the total) line up for a snapshot. They are (left to right, front row) Mrs. Gerald Riddell, Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn, Miss Betty Hart, and (second row) Mr. and Mrs. Bob Magee and John A. Parker. Said Parker: "We rejoice in the missionary spirit in Mississippi; keep praying that the Lord of the harvest will send more laborers. There is about one Baptist for every 1,000 persons in Chile."

Mississippi Furnishes A Ninth Of The Missionaries To Chile

By John A. Parker

In January of this year the six Mississippians serving in Chile as missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention came apart from the others for a picture. We were in our semi-annual meeting in Santiago, Chile. They are, in the order of their appointment: Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn, John A. Parker, Virgie Riddell, Betty Hart and Bob and Deloris Magee.

They represent about one-ninth of the missionaries under appointment for Chile. Other Mississippians who have served in Chile are Ora and L. D. Wood who served from 1939 to 1948.

We rejoice in the missionary spirit in Mississippi that must have had much to do with the coming to Chile of this group and of the spirit of those who did not come personally but came through their prayers, offerings and concern in many other ways. The harvest is still great and the laborers are still few. Keep praying that the Lord of the harvest will send more laborers into His harvest. There is about one Baptist in Chile for each 1000 population.

Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn of Meridian, was appointed in 1940 to start a Training School for girls. She did this work until the school was combined with the school for boys. Since then she has given the major part of her time to work in the W. M. U., serving now for several years as Executive Secretary of the W. M. U. of Chile.

John A. Parker of Lucedale was appointed in 1942. He served for almost 10 years as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Santiago, then for ten more years as Field Evangelistic worker in the Santiago area. Since 1970 he has been doing Field Evangelistic Work in the Talca area. In the January meeting of the Chile Baptist Convention he was named as Executive Secretary of the Evangelism Board of the Convention.

Mrs. Virgie Riddell of Laurel was appointed to Colombia and was transferred to Chile in 1957. While she has made contributions to many phases of the work, her main contribution has been in the field of music in the Baptist Academy in Temuco from her arrival until 1962 and since 1963 in Punta Arenas where she and her husband are doing evangelistic work in that city, almost the southernmost South in the world.

Miss Betty Hart of Sandy Hook was appointed in 1964 to do Good Will Center work in Antofagasta. She has shown special gifts as she has carried

forward that work from the time she arrived to the present.

Bob (of Tyertown) and Deloris (of Gulfport) Magee were appointed in 1970 to serve in the field of music in the Baptist Academy in Temuco. They have been well received and have done excellent work there and have ministered in the churches as well.

A highlight of the last meeting of the Chile Baptist Convention was a duet by Bob and Virgie just before the annual sermon on Sunday morning.

We hope that it can be said more and more that Mississippians will be preaching, singing, ministering in one way or another, in all of the countries of the world where our FMB serves, and in countries where they do not serve, and what we wish for Mississippians we wish for Christians everywhere.

Texas BSU Group Leads Outreach In Los Angeles

NACOGDOCHES, Tex. (BP) — A contingent of 212 Baptist Student Union members, from Stephen F. Austin College, have returned from a one week trip to Los Angeles which may result in formation of Baptist Student Union organizations on a dozen California campuses.

The students visited 22 Los Angeles area campuses at the invitation of California State BSU Director Wendell Foss. They reportedly witnessed individually to some 10,000 students.

The trip was part of an emphasis by BSU directors of state Baptist conventions and the National Student Ministries at the Baptist Sunday School Board to provide evangelistic outreach to campuses in new-convention territories.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Riverside Church, Clarksdale: April 22-April 29; Rev. Ed Campbell of Walnut Church, Vance, preaching; Lloyd Lunceford, student at Delta State College, singer; two professions of faith; six by letter; 10 rededications; Rev. Jimmy Walker, pastor.

Branch (Scott): April 15-20; Rev. Bob Mathis, pastor, Philipston Church, Greenwood, evangelist; Frank McRae, district director, Faith Church, Florence, singer; Mrs. W. J. Measells, Jr., pianist; 35 rededications; one profession of faith; five deacons renewing support to church and pastor; Rev. B. H. Ross, Sr., pastor.

Names In The News

Dr. Willie A. Whitten, Jr., Education and Public Administration Officer for the Eastern and Southern Africa Bureau of the Agency for International Development, was in the Clinton-Jackson area May 3-5, speaking to college groups and civic club or African culture.



A 1951 graduate of Mississippi College and chief contributor to the college's Social Science Museum, Dr. Whitten is responsible for AID Education and Public Administration projects in Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. He came to Mississippi to display some of his African artifacts at the Mississippi Arts Festival. While in the area addressed students at Mississippi College, Jackson State and Tougaloo on Thursday and Friday. Prior to joining AID, Dr. Whitten was associate director of the Southern Baptist Seminary Extension Department working in the states of Mississippi, Louisiana, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Mike Smith, staff music evangelist of First Church, Crystal Springs, spends the greater part of each year in evangelistic work. Engagements include



meetings in churches, youth-led revivals, and large area-wide tent crusades. Between crusades, Mike is often available for Sunday evening sacred concerts in various churches. During May, he will be singing with Dr. E. J. Daniels, of the E. J. Daniels Evangelistic Association of Orlando, Florida. Other plans for 1973 include engagements in eight states. One of the most exciting of these Campaigns for Christ will be a five-week span spent in the Pittsburgh and Butler, Pennsylvania areas. Too, Mike has recently contracted with a Nashville recording agency and has produced an inspirational long play stereo album. The gospel songs on the album are ones that have proven most effective and most enjoyed by audiences in the evangelistic ministry. This new recording is now available locally. (Mike hopes that folks of the Crystal Springs will always feel welcome to drop in on a church or tent crusade when the team is near their area.)

The former executive director of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, James N. Jeffrey of Overland Park, Kan., has been named as development consultant for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Trustees of the seminary, in their annual meeting, unanimously named Jeffrey to the post as development consultant, effective immediately.

Jeffrey, an insurance executive, is president of James Jeffrey and Associates in Overland Park, Kan. He served as executive director of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes from 1964 to 1972.

Brenda Kendall, of Greenville, first-year student in x-ray, has been elected president of Mississippi Baptist Hospital's Baptist Student Union for 1973-1974. The Baptist Student Union at the hospital is active in fund-raising projects, religious retreats, an annual "Religious Emphasis Week," projects to raise funds for student summer missions, parties, sports activities, recreational projects, conventions, an annual beauty pageant and many other activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Fitts, missionaries to Peru, have moved from Trujillo to Pucallpa (address: Apartado 29, Pucallpa, Peru). He is a native of Pontotoc County, Miss.

Heuck's Retreat Church, Brookhaven, has called Russell Kyzar, pictured, as minister of music. A student at Miss College, and a music education student, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kyzar of Natchez. Russell began his ministry at Heuck's Retreat by leading the



music in the youth-led revival, April 18-22. Rev. Jimmy Blanton from Clarke College preached. "Reports from the community say that this was the greatest church revival they could recall. God did great things in the lives of the youth of Heuck's Retreat, and through them God brought whole families together in rededication," states Rev. Victor Johnson, pastor.

Mrs. Iva Jackson, associate professor of business education at Mississippi College has been chosen Business Teacher of the



Year by the Mississippi Business Education Association. Mrs. Jackson has been teaching at Mississippi College since 1954 and serves as Mississippi director for the National and Southern Business Education Associations. She is listed in *Outstanding Educators of America and Who's Who in the South and Southwest*.

James Aubrey of Ashland and Chris Osborne of Slidell, La., have been declared joint winners in the annual Bible reading contest held at Miss. College. Following the reading competition, the two students were declared winners of the John Calvin and Martha Ann Buckley Magee Award funded each year by Miss Nelly Magee, associate professor of speech emerita at the college. They will each receive a *Dickson Analytical Bible* for their efforts. The Bible reading contest is co-sponsored by the Ministerial Association and the Department of Speech and Communicative Arts.

Dee Dee Dansby has begun her ministry at Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, where she will be serving as youth director. She will be on the church field full time during the summer. A native of Marietta, Georgia, she is a junior recreation major at Mississippi College. At the college she has maintained a 3.0 grade point average. She is an outstanding basketball player, pianist for the Hour of Power Choir, and an active member of the Baptist Student Union. She served as youth director at First Church, Corinth, last summer.

Rev. and Mrs. Pratt J. Dean, missionaries to Argentina, may now be addressed at 1-1-1 Nishi Kojima, Nagasaki-shi 850, Japan. Mrs. Dean, the former Rita Duke of Alabama, was formerly Baptist Student Union director at Blue Mountain College for three years.

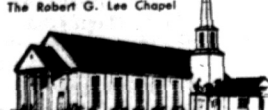
Rev. and Mrs. Bobby T. Hood, missionaries to Argentina, are on emergency leave in the States (address: Rt. 3, Florence, Miss. 39078). Both Mr. and Mrs. Hood are Mississippians.

Rev. and Mrs. Herman P. Hayes, missionaries to Vietnam, may now be addressed at FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96620. Before coming to Vietnam in 1960, he was pastor of South McComb Church.

Miss Louise Sparkman, missionary on leave from Nigeria, may be addressed at 415 Tusculum, Apt. K-12, Nashville, Tenn. 37211. When appointed in 1960, she was youth director of First Church, Columbus, Miss.

Miss Mary Jo Stewart, new missionary to Ecuador who has completed orientation at Calaway Gardens, was scheduled to depart April 24 for a year of language study in Costa Rica (address: Apartado 10240, San Jose, Costa Rica). Miss Stewart, a native of Caesar, Miss., was executive secretary of the Arizona Woman's Missionary Union Phoenix, at the time of her appointment.

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By Clifton J. Allen
Acts 11:14-18; Galatians 3:23-28;
Ephesians 2:11-22; 1 John 4:7-12

Our lesson is full of profound truths about the nature of God and the relationship of men. God is love. His love is universal and without partiality. His intention from the beginning of time was that people should live together in goodwill. Something about man's very nature shows that he was meant for community. But sin became the great divider, separating man from God and creating barriers of hate between men. In the fullness of time, Jesus Christ came. He was and is the great reconciler. His death is the ground of our peace with God and the power for peace among men. Hence the affirmation: Christ makes men brothers. But how hard to grasp these profound truths! We become sons of God by faith. We are therefore obligated to practice the truth of Christian brotherhood.

The Lesson Explained
HOSTILITY BANISHED
(Eph. 2:11-16)

Paul, writing chiefly to Gentiles, began by reminding them of the "then" and the "now" in their experience. By the Jews they were called the uncircumcised. They were separated from Christ. They were aliens

from the chosen people of God and therefore had no part in God's covenant with his chosen people. They were without spiritual hope because they were separated from God. But now — what a difference! The wonder and power of the death of Christ had brought reconciliation and had vanquished hostility. The barriers of prejudice and rejection and hostility had been broken down. Paul was thinking of the "middle wall of partition" in the Temple in Jerusalem that shut out and barred Gentiles from the inner precincts. But with the death of Christ, who died for all men, there could no longer be a barrier between man and God, except the barrier of man's unbelief and hostility; and there could no longer rightly be any barrier of prejudice or hostility between persons reconciled to God through faith in Christ. His death made possible a new humanity in the grace of God and in the realm of Christian brotherhood. The reign of hostility was brought to an end by the power of the reconciling love of Christ.

ONE IN THE LOVE OF GOD
(1 John 4:7-10)

"God is love." On the basis of this sublime revelation, we know how God feels toward the world. He sees people as they are. He loves them for their true worth as persons in his own image and not because they are lovely in disposition and deed or because they deserve to be loved. He loves them for their own good. Our capacity to love other persons — that is, to have

active goodwill toward them because of their worth in the sight of God and to want the best for them in keeping with God's purpose for them — arises from our experience of partaking of the love of God. If we do not love one another, this is evidence that we do not know God. Counterfeit love or the absence of love denies the reality of Christian experience. The proof of God's love for the world was the gift of his only Son. Nothing on our part deserved such a gift. He gave his Son to be the propitiation of our sins. Thus the enmity in our hearts toward God has been overcome by his reconciling love. We receive others as our brothers because we love them as brothers after the example of Christ and through the power of the love of God.

LOVE ON TRIAL (1 John 4:11-12)

There is a moral obligation resting on Christians to love one another. We come short of God's expectation of us if we do not do so. We break Christ's commandment if we fail to do so. Actually, we deny our Christian discipleship if we fail to show love for one another. The world longs to know what God is like. But when Christians love one another, and when they manifest something of the love of God toward all the people of the world, they demonstrate something of the likeness of God, or really something of the very life of God. When love has become a reality in our relationships with other persons, we prove that God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.



Leaders Meet In Interest Of Seminary

Presidents of five and the vice-president of another of the nine National Baptist conventions in the state were present for a meeting April 24 in Jackson in the interest of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, which each convention helps to support. Standing, from left: Rev. L. L. Laws, Clarksdale, vice-president, General Educational Convention; Rev. D. B. Barnes, Florence, president, South Mississippi Baptist Convention; Dr. H. C. Cherry, Benoit, president of Progressive Baptist State Convention; Rev. R. S. Porter, Meridian, president of East Mississippi Convention. Seated: Rev. W. L. Buchanan, Okolona, president of General Progressive State Baptist Convention; Rev. Dick Brogan, Jackson, director of Department of Work with National Baptists, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Rev. T. L. Johnson, West Point, president Northeast Mississippi Convention. Several other National Baptist leaders were also present.

Sixth Clergy Economic Education Conference To Be Held May 21-22 On The Gulf Coast

The Sixth Mississippi Clergy Economic Education Conference will be held on May 21-22, 1973, on the Gulf Park Campus of the University of Southern Mississippi. The purpose of the annual conference is to provide a basic knowledge of how the nation's free enterprise economic system operates and to explore major topics of current interest.

This year's program will feature recognized authorities speaking on such topics as "Religion and the Free Enterprise System," "The Economics of Pollution," "Economic

Prospects of the Southern and Gulf Coast Region of Mississippi," "The President's Budget and Its Economic Implications," "International Economic Problems," and several others.

The Gulf Park facility boasts a truly beautiful physical plant and grounds. A major attraction is Friendship Oak, a giant live oak which naturalists say was a seedling in 1487, five years before Columbus' fateful first voyage. In addition to being an intellectually satisfying experience, the Conference will provide an opportunity for spiritual enrichment and fellowship.

The Mississippi Council on Economic Education assures attending ministers a scholarship which provides room, board, and tuition at the Conference. The Conference welcomes clergymen of all faiths. Those interested in attending should contact Dr. Jack C. Wimberly, State Director, CEEF, Box 72 Southern Station, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 39401.

Schedule Is Announced For '73 Summer School At Southern Seminary

Louisville, Ky. — The preliminary schedule of course offerings during the 1973 Summer School at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has been announced. The first term will run from June 5 to June 29, and the second term will be held July 3-27.

Courses to be taught in June and their credit hours are: The Book of Deuteronomy (3); The Pastoral Epistles (3); Church and Humanism in History (3); The Church in the World (2); Historical Foundations of Education (1½); Philosophical Foundations of Education (1½); and Chaplaincy as a Form of Ministry (3).

July courses include: The Psalms (3); James (3); Christian Eschatology (3); Sermon Workshop (2); Dramatic Interpretation of the Printed Page (2); Life and Work of the Pastor (2); and Group Child Care (2). The following courses must be taken both semesters for credit: Elementary Hebrew (1½ hours each term); Clinical Pastoral Training: Mental Hospital (3 hours each term); and Clinical Training: General Hospital (3 hours each term).

For details, contact Tom Sherwood, registrar, in care of the seminary address, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40206.

The largest holders of New York Stock Exchange listed stock in 1972 were the pension funds. The corporate, private, state and local government funds reached a value of \$113.2 billion or 44 per cent of all institutional holdings.

Small-fry politicians should be roated.

the first requirement for encounters with God is: "Be still and know that I am God" (Psa. 46:10).

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

God's Confrontation With Man

Gen. 3:8-10; Heb. 1:1-3
By Bill Duncan

If you were God, how would you reveal yourself to finite minds? If you were God you would! Self revelation is part of his own nature. We do not go seeking him; he comes to us. We can only admit and accept him or else we can reject him.

Suppose a baby were left in the hospital nursery where the father could stand and look through a one-way glass.

The father may yearn to hold and touch the child and share the larger world with the child. All the dreams and plans for the child can never be shared under these conditions. He must live beyond the child's sight, touch and hearing. Certainly the child could grow up reasoning that someone cared for him in providing the care in the nursery world.

A nurse could help the baby communicate with the life outside the nursery, life that includes a concept of fatherhood. If a man or father could illustrate the way fathers operate, this would be good. Maybe if the nurse could tell the child about his father by stating what he is like, then the child could know more.

But the best relationship would be for the father to give himself to the child on the child's level of understanding. Then the father could lead the child to understand himself and their relationship of love and acceptance.

God has chosen to relate to mankind as a person because he is personal. Because man is made like God in personality, God can and does communicate with man. Man can respond to God's love and grace.

How can we know what God is like? Certainly it is possible to know God from reason and personal experience. There is a great mass amount of knowledge everywhere about God. But we know best by experience that leads us to know whom we have believed.

"Worship in man's response to God's revelation of himself." This is the simplest definition of worship as given by Dr. Andrew Blackwood. Revelation by God demands response by man. Worship is your life's response to one's understanding of life and conduct in consequence of that intimate encounter with the almighty.

Because God has confronted man, reverence implies recognition of God's worth. As man sees God, then

he knows himself in reference to him. Man sees himself in the mirror and sees the sinner he is. Because God is holy and man is a sinner, there is the natural reaction of man to withdraw from God. But God goes searching for man. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they hid themselves from God. But God knew where they were and who they were.

A word has been used to describe the involvement and interaction of God's confrontation with man — Encounter. A man and God must be vitally related!

God speaks for himself. What we learn about God from his self-affirmation is the thought we have to God. God declares his own existence. We do not have to prove his existence.

First, Vicksburg To Proceed With Activities Building

A building to be used for a varied program of Christian activities for all age groups has come a step nearer reality for First Church, Vicksburg.

The church has voted to accept the bid of W. T. Walker Company in the amount of \$330,725 and to authorize the Activities Building Committee to spend not more than \$35,000 for furnishings and equipment.

The church also accepted the proposal of the Building Committee to set May 20 as Victory Day. On this day the church is asked to pledge not less than \$50,000.00 to be paid within a period of one year. Upon the pledging of this amount, ground will be broken and construction will proceed with the former signing of the contract.

Since last May, Rusty Griffin has been serving as minister of activities at First Church, and has worked closely with the committee and the architect in designing the building and promoting the program of Christian activities.

Members of the Activities Building Committee are: Gene Allen, chairman, W. T. Walker, Mrs. Pat McLain, J. E. Blackburn, R. D. Caldwell, Mrs. Paul Cooper, Don Davidson, Freeman DeBoe, Mrs. Arnold Dean, Jr., Gerald Hasselman, Tom Hill, Udelle Jones, David May, O. W. Mendrop, and Durwood Tadlock.

Dr. John G. McCall, pastor, has served as ex officio member of the committee.

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Peace Brings Chaplaincy Armed Forces Reduction

ATLANTA (BP) — With the wind down of the Vietnam war, a reduction of chaplains serving in the armed forces is being felt, Southern Baptist Director of Chaplaincy James W. Kelly, said here.

"The reduction started some years ago and is now being more keenly felt by some denominations than others—including Southern Baptists. The SBC is experiencing a lull in the recruitment of chaplains for active duty, and this is likely to continue for a few years," he said.

Kelly, formerly Navy Chief of Chaplains, learned recently in a Washington briefing that the Navy expects to reduce their chaplaincy force by as much as 150 from the 950 Navy chaplains now serving. The Air Force, now with about 1,040 chaplains will decrease nearly 100. The Army expects to maintain its corps of chaplains at 1,450.

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Devotional

In Response To My Lord

By Gordon H. Sansing, Pastor
First Church, Marks
Romans 5:8, 10

"But God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."



The very face of who God is and what He has done in Jesus through the Cross-Resurrection event calls for a response on the part of man. "The Word was with God and the Word was God. . . The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself." In His actions of love, forgiveness, invitation, redemption, God is calling for a response from every person.

Before God, one can only stand in awe that He would be mindful of man. Our dilemma is great, for when we think of God, silence overcomes us, but love stirs within and we are constrained to speak.

Thus, when I come before my God, this is my response:

I come before my Lord with the feeling of unworthiness.
You see, He loves me, the unlovely.
I come before my Lord in humility.
Before Him, I am nothing; yet because of Him I am something.
I come before my Lord being ashamed.
I have failed Him, disappointed Him, been unfaithful to Him.
I come before my Lord in repentance.
I am sorry because of my unfaithfulness, and want the direction of my life changed.
I come before my Lord as a new being.
He has cleansed me and fathered a new person in Christ.
I come before my Lord victoriously.
In Him is my life and through Him I have a quality of life which overcomes the world.
I come before my Lord to commit myself to Him.
The desire of my life is to do His will. The hope of my being is to follow Him wherever He leads.
I come before my Lord responding with all that I am to all that He is.

National Organization Grants Seminary Extension Membership

OMAHA, Neb. (BP) — The National University Extension Association, an organization of institutions of higher learning dedicated to improving their continuing education programs, has voted into membership the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention seminaries.

The director of the SBC Seminary Extension Department, Raymond M. Rigdon of Nashville, hailed the acceptance as "a major milestone in the history of SBC Seminary Extension work."

The Seminary Extension Department, with offices in Nashville, offers correspondence study and courses through nearly 200 extension centers located throughout the nation.

aimed at both Baptist laymen and pastors on three different academic levels. The department operates a Home Study Institute in addition to the 200 extension centers.

BRUSSELS, Belgium — John Desy of Liege, president of the Belgian Baptist Union was reelected by the union during their annual meeting in March. Reporting to union representatives, Desy noted progress during the past year in filling pastoral vacancies. Most replacements have been non-Belgians, but the union voted to reaffirm the practice of welcoming other nationalities into their ranks. Currently there are French, Polish, English and German-speaking congregations in the union.

Ailigandi Mission Lures Donny Hendon

By David Rushing,
In The Enterprise - Tocsin

Donny Hendon of near Indianola in his earlier days probably never heard of the San Blas Islands, and almost certainly did not dream he would someday be going there.

The San Blas Islands are a chain just off the east coast of Panama.

Hendon left Saturday for the island of Ailigandi, one of the southernmost islands of the chain, about 200 miles south of the canal zone.

The 33-year-old Sunflower County farmer is traveling to the islands for a prolonged stay to teach modern farming methods to some 28,000 Cuna Indians who live on them.

The Indians live a completely hand-to-mouth existence. The islands themselves are too small and too crowded to provide nourishment so the Indians make daily trips across the sound to the jungles of the mainland to search for food. They return later in the day with their dugout canoes called cayulas laden mostly with fruits and water, and rarely with a wild pig or some other form of meat.

Hendon hopes to alleviate what he terms "a tremendous malnutrition problem" by teaching the Indians to clear parts of the jungle and to plant garden vegetables more nutritious than their usual bananas and plantains. Their main tool is the machete.

"We want to introduce better methods of farming and to help them clear some land in the jungle," Don said.

Along with him, Hendon has brought a John Deere 4020 Diesel tractor with various implements to aid in the jungle clearing. Hendon emphasized, however, that his trip is a self-help project.

"We will only be teaching the Indians how to use more modern farming methods," he said, "they will be doing the actual work themselves."

"The \$12,000 worth of equipment we are bringing along will only be used to do work that cannot economically be done by hand," he said.

"This follows the spirit of the motto of the Agricultural Missions Foundation, which is sponsoring our project: 'If you give a man a loaf of bread, he can eat for a day; if you teach a man to grow wheat, he can eat for the rest of his life.'"

In about six weeks, Donny's wife, Nylene, will go to Ailigandi with two children, four-year-old Holly and seven-year-old Jamie.

While Donny is working in the

fields, she will teach the Indians basic nutrition in order to fight the malnutrition.

"The people are very receptive to new methods," Donny said, "because they have seen what can be done with two test plots we have planted there already."

Donny and his family will stay on the island of Ailigandi for most of their undetermined stay. Of the 40 inhabited islands of the 363 island chain, it is the only one with water and electricity. It has a total land area of eleven acres and has a population of over 2,000.

To the casual reader of maps, the islands look like tiny dots where the map maker had shaken his pen so it would write better and then forgot to erase them.

Another attraction of the island is the small mission hospital with an American doctor, two nurses and a

small hotel of sorts.

Also living on Ailigandi are five or six natives who speak English. Hendon expects these men to be instrumental in communicating with the other Indians, especially Ailigandi's chief, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and each chief of every other inhabited island.

"They are very interested and very warm people," Hendon said, "and I hope to establish good relations early and work closely with them."

We will be working very closely with these people to try to help them meet their physical and spiritual needs," he added.

Donny, who feels that materialism is not the most important thing in life, does not know how long he and his family will stay on the island.

"As long as we feel we are making a solid contribution, we are going to stay," he said.

Nurses From Other Countries Work At The Baptist Hospital

Careers in nursing open the door to continuous professional practice which crosses oceans and international boundaries, because nurses are needed everywhere.

At Mississippi Baptist Hospital, for example, nurses from Paris and Poona and Braintree are at work alongside others from Pickens and Picayune and Brandon.

The Parisian accent is definitely there, when Mrs. Jeanne Marie Ward tells about her training at St. Joseph Hospital — the largest Catholic hospital in Paris, with 1200 beds.



Nursing care with an accent is provided at Mississippi Baptist Hospital by nurses from foreign countries. Left to right are Mrs. Elmina Johnson, Barbados, R.N.; Mrs. Marian Pollard, India, R.N.; and Mrs. Jeanne Marie Ward, France, R.N.

And Mrs. Marian Pollard, who was born at Poona, India, is decidedly British as she talks of "nipping across the Channel" to visit just about every European country from her native England.

Mrs. Elmina Johnson, on the other hand, sounds very much like a native Mississippian, because that's the sound of her native Barbados in the West Indies, even though she has studied in Braintree, England.

The lure of travel brought Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Pollard to the United States, and both married Americans once they were here. Both their husbands are residents at University Medical Center.

Mrs. Johnson was already married to a U. S. Airman, and she returned with him to his native Mississippi, going to work at Mississippi Baptist Hospital in October of 1972.

She went from Barbados, in the West Indies, to England when England was recruiting nurses abroad, and she received her training at Black Notley Hospital in Braintree, which is in Essex.

Asked if Mississippi is what she expected it to be, Mrs. Johnson said it's

It's all right to use a hammer if you're building something.

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — A new French-language Baptist church has opened in rented quarters, giving the Abobo Gare district of this city a place to worship, as well as a program of weekday Bible-centered activities. A reading room is open daily, and there are sewing classes, a chorus and children's activities, as well as a special class for new believers.

far different, adding that "As is the case with so many things, it seems that only the bad things got told."

Mrs. Pollard praises Mississippi, too, but she said in an interview that she really wants to live in California eventually, because the balmy weather there is much like that of southern England.

She has seen much of the United States, having traveled in this country at every opportunity in the same way in which she was constantly "nipping across the Channel" to tour Europe.

"We went to New Mexico and Colorado and almost froze to death in tents last August," said Mrs. Pollard. "I never dreamed it would be that cold out there in August."

Mrs. Pollard received her training at Southlands Hospital at Shoreham-by-the-Sea in Sussex, and she worked in hospitals at Haywood's Heath and London and Washington, D. C.

She lived her first six years in India, where her father (an Army officer) and her grandfather were born, and she knew Hindustani once but has forgotten much of that language now.

She likes reading and swimming, though not necessarily at the same time, and she has a general certificate of education in English literature and in the English language.

Mrs. Ward, one of eight children (four in France and four in the United States), has a baccalaureate degree in psychology from the College de Juilly, a private school near Paris.

She has worked in hospitals in Kentucky and Georgia, and she has lived in Texas, California and in Guam when her husband was stationed there while in the Navy.

Talking with the three nurses is like visiting a travel agency, since they have traveled so widely. They have continued their professional careers with very little interruption.

Although they were interviewed separately and did not compare notes, they all came up with the same answer when asked to compare schools of nursing in this country with such schools abroad.

All three said the schools of nursing in other countries put much more emphasis on bedside nursing and on nurse-patient relationships than do the American schools, which emphasize classroom and textbooks.

Baptist Public Relations Group Elects Pattillo

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — The Baptist Public Relations Association meeting here named as its president-elect Wesley M. (Pat) Pattillo, who later in the meeting won the largest number of awards in the association's annual awards competition.

Pattillo, vice president of development for Southern Baptist Theological Institute in Louisville, was named to succeed Clarence E. Duncan, administrative assistant at the Southern Baptist Radio - Television in Fort Worth, who assumed the presidency of the public relations association after the New Orleans meeting.

In the annual awards competition the day following the election of officers, Pattillo won seven awards, including two first place citations, for his work in letterhead design, feature series, newsletter, advertising, development project, and general information literature.

Though Pattillo won the largest number of individual awards, staff members of the Southern Baptist Public Relations Board in Atlanta won

more awards than any other agency or institution, with 13 awards.

Walker L. Knight, editor of Home Missions magazine, won the Douglas Tomlinson Award for "significant achievement in religious journalism" including a plaque and \$50 in cash, for the magazine's issues covering missions work in Alaska and Hawaii.

Bill Junker of National Student Ministries for the SBC Sunday School Board won the top award for the total publications program; Marjorie Saunders of Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas received the

top prize for the hospital's total public relations program; and Eugene W. Baker of Union University won the top award for the school's total development program. Each received \$50 and a plaque.

Dominating the photography category, two Home Mission Board photographers, Don Rutledge and Knolan Benfield, each won four photography awards. Knight won three writing and magazine awards, and Jay Durham won two awards for filmstrip production. Together, they won 13 awards for the Home Mission Board.



Chaplains Meet At Baptist Building

A conference of Mississippi Baptist Chaplains were held at the Baptist Building in Jackson on Wednesday, May 3, sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department of the Convention Board. Dr. Foy Rogers, director. Participants were, seated left to right: Chaplain Ray Bell, Columbia Training School, Columbia; Chaplain J. C. Renfro, National Guard; Chaplain Harold C. Jordan, Marathon LeTourneau, Vicksburg; Dr. Foy Rogers, Director, Cooperative Missions Dept., MBCB; Chaplain Willis A. Brown, Associate Director, Division of Chaplaincy, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia; Chaplain Jack Pollis, East Mississippi State Hospital, Meridian. Standing left to right: Chaplain Allan Webb, Parchman; Chaplain C. B. Hamblet, III, Forest General Hospital, Hattiesburg; Chaplain Kenneth Crosby, Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi; Chaplain J. N. Brister, Veterans' Hospital, Jackson.



"Truth" To Sing In Yazoo City May 11

"TRUTH," the Christian musical group with headquarters in Mobile, Alabama, will appear in concert at First Church, Yazoo City, Friday night, May 11, 7:30 p.m. This is a return engagement to the Yazoo City Church after the group was well received in a concert appearance in 1972. TRUTH is a group of 15 talented young musicians coming from all across the United States. The pastor of the sponsoring church is Rev. James F. Yates; Rick Van Egmond is the staff assistant in charge of music, youth and education. They invite the public to attend this concert.

Year Of Evangelism

What's Happening In The Churches?



Lord



Burns

April 15 ended an exciting week in First Church, Taylorsville, Smith County. April 9-15 was a week of revival in which Ed F. Vallowe, evangelist from Atlanta, was the preacher and Leon Bedsole of Biloxi, the singer.

In the morning services Mr. Vallowe taught the book of John in an unusual way, emphasizing the seven miracles of Jesus and showing the way of salvation. In the evening services he brought thrilling messages from the Bible revealing the fulfillment of prophecy. (He has been a student of prophecy for over thirty years.) After the services each night, and following an intermission, he taught the book of Revelation, using his twenty-foot chart. (He has taught this book 754 times.)

Many decisions were made during the evening services. Many came renewing their vows to the Lord. People

from as far away as Jackson made professions of faith. The church bus was used to bring people to the services, and many who rode the buses were among those who made professions of faith.

Rev. W. C. Burns, pastor, and Rev. L. C. Lord, director of evangelism, set goals to be reached on April 15. The goals were: 300 in Sunday School, 100 in Children's Church, 60 on the bus. Two hundred and ninety attended Sunday School; 109 were in Children's Church; and 60 rode the bus.

During the Sunday School hour, Mr. Vallowe preached an unusual gospel message called "The Game of Life" in which he used a miniature baseball diamond. Six young people made professions of faith and many others made rededications. The morning message April 15 was about heaven and how to get there.

After the morning service, the children and youth of the church piled in the bus and a van and about 140 went to Lake Ross Barnett for a picnic. Mr. Lord, the bus director, promised if they had 100 present in Children's Church on this day, then his workers could throw him in the lake. They did!

A bus contest, "Bring - a - Friend," had been used a few weeks previous-

ly and the winners of his contest received a free airplane ride. All the kids plus moms and dads looked on as four children took their first ride in an airplane.

That night during the evening service the congregation looked on as Mr. Lord baptized 25 new converts of the 31 as a result of the revival meeting.

"Many lives were touched as result of the faithful preaching of the Word of God and the faithful witness of concerned Christians in and around Taylorsville," observes Pastor Burns.

A goal of 400 in Sunday school has been set for October. Evangelism is the Number One priority of the church. Since the bus program began about 22 weeks ago, 34 baptisms have been reported.

A new bus was scheduled to arrive and be in operation by the end of April. Four buses in operation by the end of summer is the goal.

A steady increase in attendance has been reported. The average Sunday School attendance last year was 162. This year the average attendance is 224. The average attendance for the past five weeks was 239. "The bus evangelism program of reaching people has contributed greatly to this growth in attendance and baptisms," according to Mr. Lord.

Revival Dates

Wayside Church, Vicksburg: May 13-18; Rev. Don Fletcher, pastor of Broadacres Church, Shreveport, evangelist; dinner on the grounds, May 13; Rev. Francis Vriesen, pastor.

Dumas Church: May 13-18; Rev. Rex Yancey of Tupelo, evangelist; music by local talent, with special each service; services each evening at 7:30; Rev. Billy W. Baker, pastor.

It is easy to sing, "In the cross of Christ I glory," but do you glory in your own cross?

Oak Grove (Holmes): May 14-18;

Rev. Buddy Hampton, pastor, Alexander Memorial Church, Hollandale, evangelist; services at 8 p.m.; Rev. Tommy Bruce, pastor.

Carson Church: April 2-8; Rev. Harry McGuffey, Smithdale, evangelist; Larry Green, music director; Sybil Cole, pianist; 42 professions of faith; many rededications; Rev. C. R. Wick, pastor.

Off The Record

A professor, driving to the West Coast, had been invited to stop en route at the homes of a half-dozen former students. A methodical gentleman who prided himself on efficiency, he wrote all his thank-you notes beforehand. He sealed, addressed, and stamped the letters, and put them in his overnight bag.

His first stop was Buffalo. The following night, unpacking about 300 miles farther west, he discovered the thank-you notes were missing. Telephoning his Buffalo host, he asked with studied casualness, "Did you by any chance find some letters in the guest room?"

"Why, yes," said his friend. "I mailed them this morning."

Teacher: "What is the half of eight, Frank?"

Frank: "Which way, teacher?"

Teacher: "What do you mean?"

Frank: "On top or sideways?"

Teacher: "What difference does it make?"

Frank: "Well, the top half of eight is zero, but the half of eight sideways is three."

Two country boys were taking their first airplane trip and were quite impressed at the beginning. But about halfway in the trip, the pilot's voice came over the intercom: "The Number 1 engine is out, but the other three will carry us safely into Los Angeles. We will be ten minutes late."

In another few minutes came this message: "The Number 2 engine is on fire. We will arrive safely in Los Angeles, twenty minutes late."

A little later they heard: "Our Number 3 engine just fell off. Bear with us. We will reach our destination on one hour late."

"One trouble with modern society is that we are too specialized. Now, I happen to have a good background in the liberal arts, but I must confess that I haven't the faintest idea of how a radio works," admitted the youth.

"My goodness!" exclaimed the wide-eyed co-ed. "It's awful easy. You just turn the knobs and it plays!"